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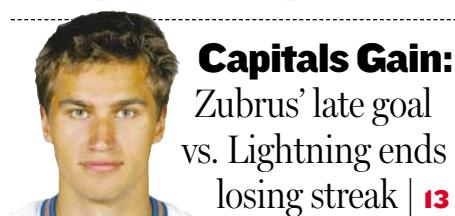
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SANG TAN/AP

Dog Year Afternoon

LUNAR LIFT-OFF: Performers from the China Shenzhen Arts Troupe dance as they parade through central London in celebration of the Lunar New Year, The Year of the Dog, on Sunday. Lunar New Year is a two-week celebration that begins on the first day of the first month of the lunar calendar. It is considered a major holiday and is celebrated in Asian countries worldwide.

CONCENTRATION | Wet Nurse The lifeguards at an Ann Arbor, Mich., YMCA find bare breasts distracting. That's one of the reasons the center said they've banned breast-feeding at the pool. But nursing moms say that's not a good enough excuse, and held



a "nurse-in" protest in the center's lobby on Saturday. In addition to the problem of lifeguards not paying attention to swimmers, YMCA officials said, rules prohibit eating or drinking for anyone at the pool — including babies. (AP) **EyeOpeners** | Page 2



Woodruff Wounded In Attack

ABC co-anchor, cameraman stable after bombing in Iraq

NEW YORK | ABC "World News Tonight" co-anchor Bob Woodruff and a cameraman were seriously injured Sunday when the Iraqi Army vehicle they were traveling in was attacked with an explosive device.

Both journalists suffered head injuries, and Woodruff also has broken bones. They were in stable condition following surgery at a U.S. military hospital in Iraq, and due to be evacuated to medical facilities in Germany, probably overnight, said ABC News President David Westin.

"We take this as good news, but the next few days will be critical," Westin said.



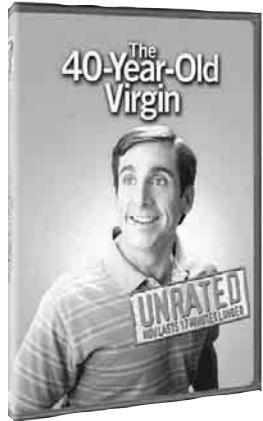
Woodruff

Woodruff and Doug Vogt, an award-winning cameraman, were embedded with the 4th Infantry Division and traveling in a convoy with U.S. and Iraqi troops near Taji, about 12 miles north of Baghdad.

They were wearing body armor and helmets but were standing up in the hatch of the mechanized vehicle when the device exploded, exposing them to shrapnel. ABC said the men were in the Iraqi vehicle — considered less secure than U.S. military equipment — to get the perspective of the Iraqi military.

It was another dose of bad news for ABC News, still recovering from the death of Peter Jennings in August. Woodruff, 44, assumed Jennings' old job anchoring "World News Tonight" with Elizabeth Vargas earlier this month. DAVID BAUDER (AP)

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EDUCATION

Today's Lesson Is Whatever The Heck You Want to Do

Showing the R-rated movie "The 40-Year-Old Virgin" during high school Spanish class last week resulted in suspension Tuesday for a Lexington, Ky., teacher, who resigned on Thursday. Fernando Del Pino said he decided to show the film after a student brought it to class and said it "was very funny." R-rated movies are not to be shown to anyone younger than 17 without a parent or guardian. The movie was rated R for pervasive, explicit and crude sexual content and drug use. (AP)

POLITICIANS

Sex Non-Scandal

Italian prime minister Silvio Berlusconi pledged Saturday not to have sex until after the April 9 election, the Il Giornale newspaper reported. After a television preacher gave his blessing to Berlusconi, he thanked him and

promised "complete sexual abstinence" until the election. Berlusconi has caused controversy before with remarks women's organizations call sexist. For example, in June, he said he used "playboy tactics" to convince Finland's female president not to try to relocate the European Union's food agency out of Italy. (EXPRESS)



AP/GETTY IMAGES

CANDY

Clogged Art-eries

Beautiful, yes, but how did they nibble so precisely? Jun Kobayashi, a chocolatier from Japanese confectioner Mary Chocolate displayed a 37-pound piece of chocolate on Thursday that replicates an Utamaro Kitagawa female portrait, an ukiyoe-painting from the Edo era. The piece is part of the 2006 Salon du Chocolat exhibition in Tokyo, where 55 chocolate brands from 11 countries exhibited various chocolates for the upcoming celebration of St. Valentine's Day. (EXPRESS)



"Which overeager smarty-pants kiss-up wants to go to detention?"

ANSWERING

'Name a Dumb Policy' 'Ooh, Ooh, I Know!'

A school in London has banned the raising of hands in the classroom and told teachers not to call on students who raise their hands, United Press International reported. Although raising hands "is every child's instinct and every teacher's instinct as well because it is ingrained in us," said Andrew Buck, the school's principal, students have come to use the tactic just to get attention. (EXPRESS)

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"Well, I'll tell you what I learned from it, which is obvious. The American people don't want you involved in these decisions."

—Sen. Bill Frist, on Congress' involvement in the Terri Schiavo case, on NBC's "Meet the Press."



Nation

In Brief

WASHINGTON

Offers to Help Katrina Victims Went Unused

Hundreds of available trucks, boats, planes and federal officers were unused in search and rescue efforts immediately after Hurricane Katrina hit because FEMA failed to give them missions, new documents show. Records also show the Federal Emergency Management Agency called off search and rescue operations in Louisiana three days after the Aug. 29 storm because of security issues. (AP)

MANN, W.VA.

Second Miner Killed in Fire Laid to Rest in Hometown

A funeral service was held Sunday for Don I. "Rizzle" Bragg, one of two West Virginia coal miners killed following a fire deep underground earlier this month. The service was held at the Man High School field house because no other building in this state's southwestern small town could hold the several hundred mourners. Bragg, 33, and Ellery "Elvis" Hatfield, 47, died after a belt line fire in Massey Energy's Aracoma Alma No. 1 Mine on Jan. 19. Hatfield was buried Friday. (AP)

Cleaning House

→ The House GOP put into writing last week new tactics to overcome its worst fear: Belief among voters that the Republican Party is corrupt. | **Today, A Section**

IN The Washington Post

Audit Finds Waste in Iraq Contracts

Rebuilding authorities squandered millions, government study says

DUBAI, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES | Iraqi money gambled away in the Philippines. Thousands spent on a swimming pool that was never used. An elevator repaired so poorly that it crashed, killing people.

A U.S. government audit found American-led occupation authorities squandered tens of millions of dollars that were supposed to be used to rebuild Iraq through undocumented

spending and outright fraud.

In some cases, auditors recommend criminal charges be filed against the perpetrators. In others, it asks the U.S. ambassador to Iraq to recoup the money.

Dryly written audit reports describe the Coalition Provisional Authority's offices in the south-central city of Hillah being awash in bricks of \$100 bills taken from a central vault without documentation.

It describes one agent who kept almost \$700,000 in cash in an unlocked footlocker and mentions

a U.S. soldier who gambled away as much as \$60,000 in reconstruction funds in the Philippines.

"Tens of millions of dollars in cash had gone in and out of the South-Central Region vault without any tracking of who deposited or withdrew the money, and why it was taken out," says a report by the Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction, which is in the midst of a series of audits for the Pentagon and State Department.

The audits offer a window into the chaotic U.S.-led occupation of Iraq of 2003-04, when inexperi-

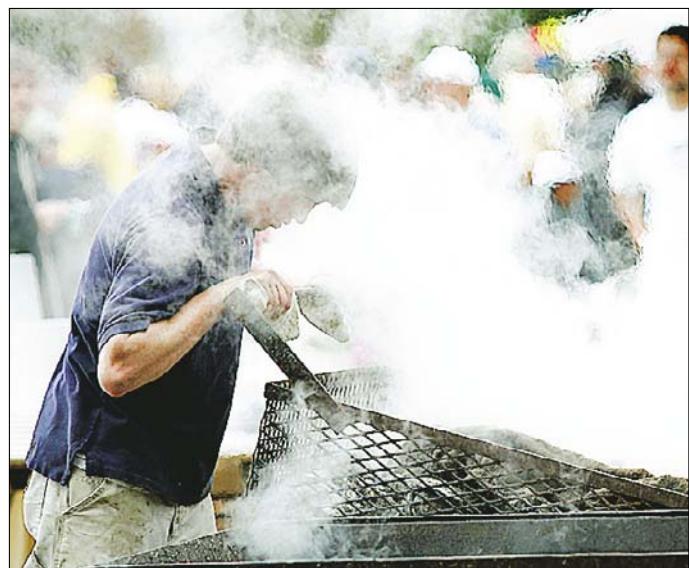
enced American officials — including workers from President Bush's election campaign — organized a cash-intensive "hearts and minds" mission to rebuild Iraq's devastated economy.

But the corruption and incompetence documented in the reports reveal that much of the effort, however well-intentioned, was wasted.

In some cases, auditors could find no trace of cash, much of which came from Iraqi oil revenues overseen by the occupation authority.

JIM KRANE (AP)

SOUTH CAROLINA | CELEBRATING SHELLFISH



MIC SMITH/AP

STEAM BATH: Charles Thompson, of Charleston, S.C., checks on the oysters during the 2006 Lowcountry Oyster Festival at Boone Hall Plantation in Mt. Pleasant, S.C., on Sunday. The annual festival is held to benefit charity.

GOP Pushes Bush On Abramoff Records

Senators want White House to disclose any contact with lobbyist

WASHINGTON | Republican lawmakers said Sunday that President Bush should publicly disclose White House contacts with Jack Abramoff, the lobbyist who has pleaded guilty to felony charges in an influence-peddling case.

Releasing the records would help eliminate suspicions that Abramoff, who helped raise more than \$100,000 for Bush's re-election campaign, had undue influence on the White House, the

Republicans said.

"I'm one who believes that more is better, in terms of disclosure and transparency," said Sen. John Thune, R-S.D.

The president has refused to reveal how much access Abramoff had to the White House, but has

said he does not know Abramoff personally. Bush has said federal prosecutors can see the records of Abramoff's contacts, but he has not released them publicly.

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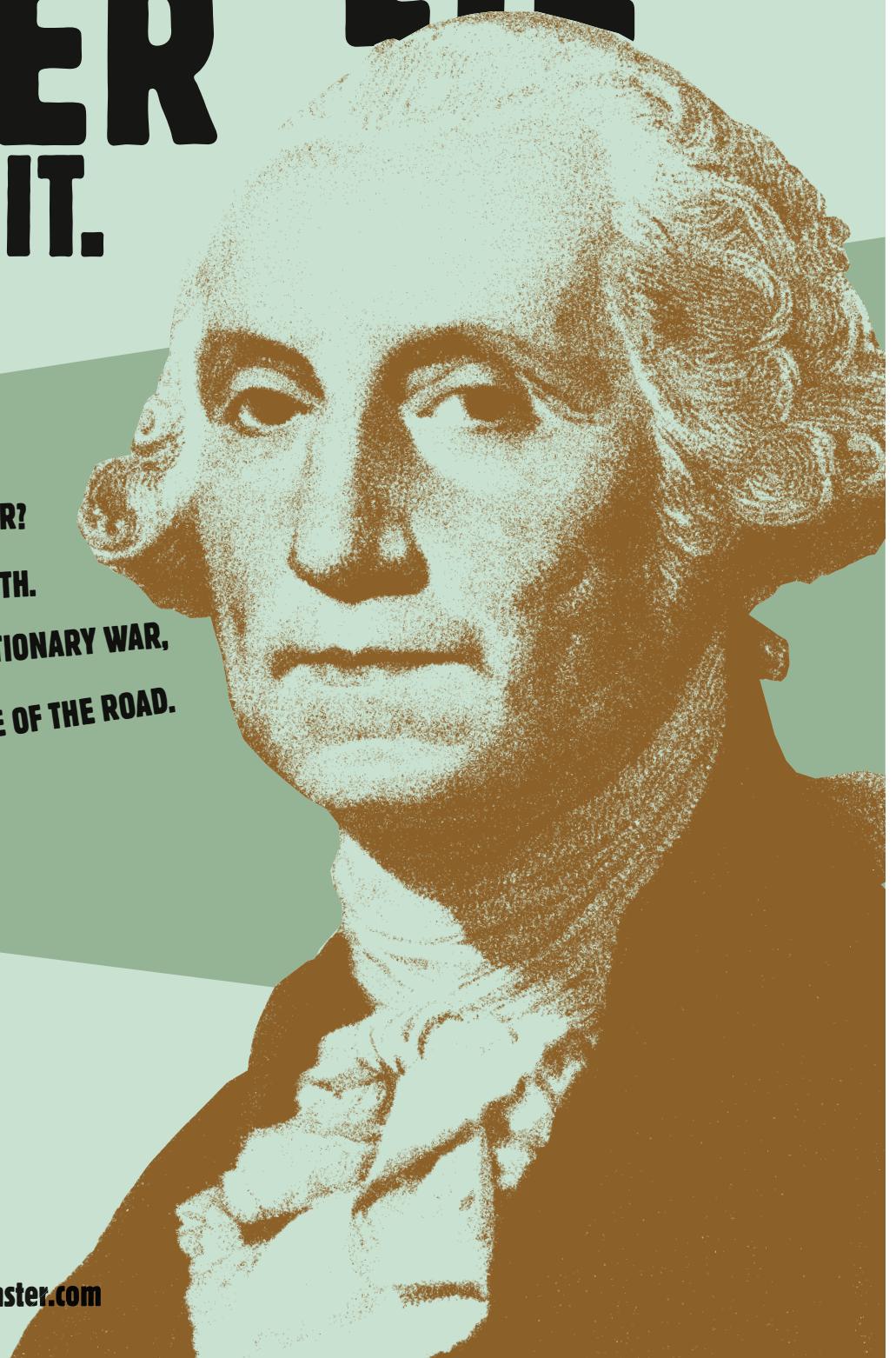
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Nation

Dems Unlikely to Stall Alito

Senate republicans to press for Tuesday vote if filibuster fails

WASHINGTON | To more effectively oppose Supreme Court nominees in the future, Democrats need to convince the public "their values are at stake" rather than use stalling tactics to try to thwart the president, said a senator who opposes Samuel Alito's confirmation.

Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., predicted on Sunday that an effort to try to block a final vote on Alito would fail on Monday. That would

clear the way for Senate approval Tuesday of the federal appeals court judge picked to succeed the retiring Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.

Democrats fear he would shift the court rightward on abortion rights, affirmative action, the death penalty and other issues.

"We need to recognize, because Judge Alito will be confirmed, that, if we're going to oppose a nomi-

nee that we've got to persuade the American people that, in fact, their values are at stake," Obama said.

"There is an over-reliance on the part of Democrats for procedural maneuvers," he told ABC's "This Week."

Sens. John Kerry and Ted Kennedy of Massachusetts are urging fellow Democrats to support a filibuster, citing in part Alito's conservative record on abortion and deference to executive power.

Alito's supporters must produce 60 votes to cut off a filibuster; an Associated Press tally shows at least 62. HOPE YEN (AP)



Obama



Diver G.P. Schmahl inspects the coral reef 100 miles off the coast of Louisiana and Texas for physical damage caused by Hurricane Rita in this undated photo.

Notes Left Behind in Ark. Killings

Hurricanes Shape New Natural Order on Gulf

Storms and humans are disrupting life along coastal reefs

Last year's record hurricane season didn't just change life for humans. It changed nature, too.

Everywhere scientists look, they see disrupted patterns in and along the Gulf of Mexico. Coral reefs, flocks of sea birds, crab- and shrimp-filled meadows and dune-crowned beaches were wrapped up in — and altered by — the force of hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Dennis.

Hurricanes have been kneading the Gulf Coast like putty for eons, but up to now, the natural world has largely been able to rebound.

But scientists say the future

could be different. The reason: the human factor.

The seas are rising, the planet is getting hotter and commercial and residential development is snowballing. Add those factors to a predicted increase in nasty hurricanes and what results is a recipe for serious natural degradation, some say.

The Gulf is in the midst of flux — heavily developed, heavily fished and buffeted by climate change and storms. It's becoming a perfect place for oceanographers and marine biologists to study, said Steven F. DiMarco, an ocean researcher at Texas A&M University.

"I think," he said, "people are looking to the Gulf of Mexico ever more as a microcosm of the world."

CAIN BURDEAU (AP)

DE QUEEN, ARKANSAS | A mother accused of smothering her three young children left notes that officials say could help determine what led to the killings.

Paula Eleazar Mendez, 43, was in a county jail Sunday after being treated at a hospital for swallowing a toxic substance.

She had collapsed as officers arrived at her home Saturday morning in response to a telephone call from the children's father in New York. Inside the home, the officers found the bodies of the children, ages 6 to 8, lying side by side on a bed, police said.

"I do not believe there is any dispute as to who killed these three children, and therefore who will be charged," said prosecutor Tom Cooper.

The notes found in the house may help officials better understand what led to the killings.

The children were identified as 8-year-old Elvis and 6-year-old twins, Samanta and her brother Samuel.

DANIEL CONNOLLY (AP)

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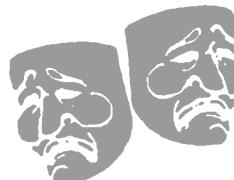
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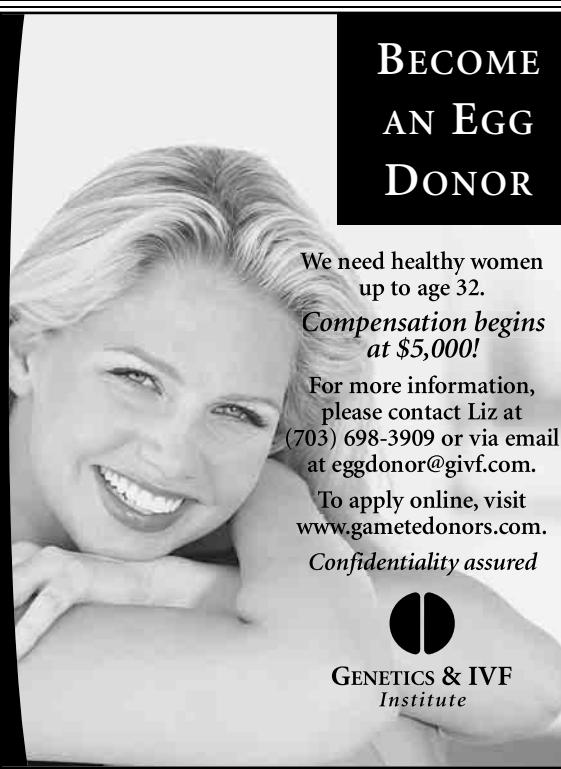
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The number of months a scorpion survived in a plaster mold of a dinosaur fossil without food or water. A scientist found the scorpion when it wriggled from a crack in a sandstone block.

Changing Face of AIDS Fight

Religious groups now
get nearly one-quarter
of funds to fight disease

WASHINGTON | President Bush's \$15 billion effort to fight AIDS has handed out nearly one-quarter of its grants to religious groups, and officials are aggressively pursuing new church partners that often emphasize disease prevention through abstinence over condom use.

Award recipients include a Christian relief organization famous

for its televised appeals to feed hungry children, a well-known Catholic charity and a group run by the son of evangelist Billy Graham.

The outreach to nontraditional AIDS players comes in the midst of a debate over how best to prevent the spread of HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.

Conservative Christian allies of the president are pressing the U.S. foreign aid agency to give fewer dollars to groups that distribute condoms or work with prostitutes. Secular organizations in Africa are

raising concerns that new money to groups without AIDS experience may dilute the program's impact.

The abstinence emphasis, say some AIDS volunteers, has led to a confusing message and stigmatized condom use in parts of Africa.

But others say teaching safe sex practices to unmarried young people condones risky sexual activity.

"Why give an alternative and have them take a risk?" said Rev. Sam Lawrence Ruteikara of the Anglican Church of Uganda, a U.S. grant recipient. **RITA BEAMISH (AP)**

VIRGINIA | WOUNDED WARRIOR HIT THE SLOPES



ANA PINSKER/AP

TACKLING THE HILL: National Guard Lt. Col. Dennis Walburn makes his way down the mountain at the Wintergreen Resort in Wintergreen, Va., on Saturday as part of the Second Annual Wounded Warriors Weekend.

N.Y. Police Shoot Off-Duty Officer In Error at Scene

NEW YORK | In a tragic case of mistaken identity, police shot and critically wounded an off-duty officer as he pointed a gun at a suspect outside a restaurant early Saturday, police said.

Eric Hernandez, 24, was hit three times and was hospitalized in extremely critical condition.

Hernandez had been in line at a White Castle restaurant around 5 a.m. when he was assaulted by a half-dozen men.

Hernandez had subdued one of the suspects at gunpoint when a patrol car arrived.

One of the two officers in the car, apparently believing Hernandez was about to shoot, opened fire. **(AP)**

Greenspan Set to End Era at the Fed

Federal Reserve Board
chief leaves a legacy of
unprecedented growth

WASHINGTON | It will be business as usual when Alan Greenspan wraps up nearly two decades at the Federal Reserve on Tuesday.

He probably will raise interest rates one last time as he presides over the Federal Open Market Committee.

Greenspan will be leaving on

top — rare in Washington — when he walks out the door of the Fed's imposing marble building.

Widely viewed as the most successful chairman in the Fed's 92-year history, Greenspan presided over an era of low inflation rates, low unemployment and the longest economic expansion in U.S. his-



Greenspan

tory — a decade of uninterrupted growth from March 1991 to March 2001.

Greenspan was a master in handling not only the economy but also the treacherous shoals of politics.

Greenspan's successor Ben Bernanke has pledged to follow the Greenspan playbook when it comes to running the economy.

That may turn out to be Greenspan's most lasting legacy.

MARTIN CRUTSINGER (AP)

PET PROJECT: A pet iguana unwittingly turned on a tap while its owner was away, flooding his apartment and damaging the ones below, police in the German city of Stuttgart said. The pet apparently turned on the water with a swipe of its tail.



World

In Brief

LIMASSOL, CYPRUS

Precautions Taken After Tests Show Bird Flu Strain

Cyprus was tightening controls to prevent bird flu Sunday after tests on birds from the northern part of the island revealed they had died of the deadly H5N1 strain of the virus, a senior government official said Sunday. Poultry owners have been ordered to keep birds confined indoors, veterinary officials were carrying out island-wide inspections and all vehicles crossing from the north of the divided island into the south were being sprayed and disinfected. (AP)

KUWAIT CITY

First Emir to Be Voted in By Parliament Takes Office

Sheik Sabah Al Ahmed Al Sabah took the oath of office Sunday, becoming the first emir of this oil-rich U.S. ally to ascend to power on the approval of Parliament rather than merely the decision of the ruling family. The emir, 76, swore to uphold the constitution and protect the interests of



Al Sabah

Kuwaitis, shortly after parliament voted unanimously to confirm him as new leader. The ceremonies ended a leadership struggle that had assumed crisis proportions after Sheik Jaber Al Ahmed Al Sabah died Jan. 15, leaving an ailing prince as his successor. (AP)

TEHRAN, IRAN

Iran Insists Talks Still Best Way to Solve Nuclear Crisis

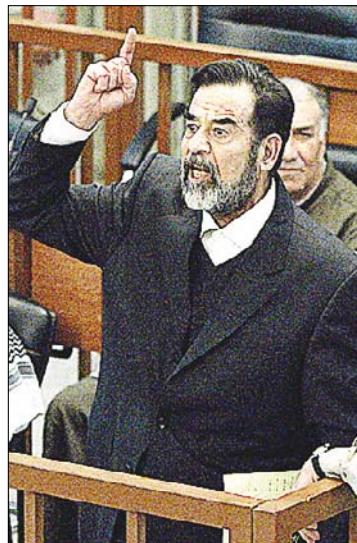
Iran pressed for more negotiations over its nuclear program Sunday and warned that harsh measures would spawn harsh reactions as diplomacy intensified days before an international meeting on whether to refer the issue to the U.N. Security Council. Foreign Ministry spokesman Hamid Reza Asefi said the door remained open for a compromise. "Dialogue is the only solution," Asefi told reporters. "Europeans should not act in haste. They should note that agreement comes out of talks." (AP)

Chaos Erupts Anew at Saddam Trial

New judge throws out co-defendant, spars with ex-Iraqi leader

BAGHDAD, IRAQ | A new judge cracked down Sunday in a chaotic session of Saddam Hussein's trial, ordering a co-defendant and a lawyer expelled from the courtroom. The entire defense team left in protest and Saddam was escorted out after a shouting match in which he yelled, "Down with America!"

Despite the turmoil, chief judge Raouf Rasheed Abdel-Rahman pushed ahead, replacing the defense lawyers with court-appointed attorneys and hearing three prosecution witnesses.



DAVID FURST/STAFF/GETTY

Saddam got angry after his half brother was thrown out of court for an outburst.

It was Abdel-Rahman's first session at the helm, replacing a jurist who stepped down amid criticism that he was not doing enough to stop Saddam and his half brother, co-defendant Barzan Ibrahim, from dominating the trial.

Abdel-Rahman wasted little time in distinguishing himself from his predecessor, telling the court at the start of the proceedings that anyone who broke the rules would be thrown out.

The session rapidly degenerated into chaos. Ibrahim called the court "the daughter of a whore" and refused to sit down. Abdel-Rahman ordered him removed, and Ibrahim scuffled with two guards before they dragged him

ELSEWHERE IN IRAQ

• CAR BOMBS exploded in quick succession Sunday near four Christian churches and the office of the Vatican envoy, killing three people and raising new concerns about sectarian tensions.

• THE U.S. MILITARY announced the death of an American soldier in a roadside bomb blast in Baghdad on Saturday. (AP)

out of the courtroom.

Protesting Ibrahim's expulsion and shouting "down with America," Saddam got into an argument with the judge, rejecting the court-appointed lawyers and demanding to leave. HAMZA HENDAWI (AP)

POLAND | HOPE ENDS FOR MORE SURVIVORS IN ROOF COLLAPSE



MIRAFLORES PRESS/AP

MEMORIAM: People light candles Sunday in tribute to the 66 people killed in a building collapse in Katowice, Poland. Rescuers gave up hope of finding survivors under the remains of the exhibition hall that collapsed with 500 people inside.



Venezuela's Hugo Chavez with activist Cindy Sheehan in Caracas on Sunday.

Chavez: Sheehan Plans New Bush Ranch Camp Out

CARACAS, VENEZUELA | American peace activist Cindy Sheehan, whose protest outside President Bush's ranch drew international attention, plans to camp out again at his Texas residence, Venezuela's president said Sunday during a speech attended by Sheehan.

Hugo Chavez, speaking in Caracas, said she told him during a meeting Saturday night that "soon, in Holy Week (in April), she is going to put up her tent again in front of Mr. Danger's ranch."

"She invited me to put up a tent. Maybe I'll put up my tent also," Chavez said to applause.

Chavez made the remarks to activists invited to his weekly broadcast on the final day of the World Social Forum. (AP)

Natural Gas Flows Again to Georgia

TBILISI, GEORGIA | Russia resumed sending natural gas to Georgia on Sunday after finishing repairs to a major pipeline damaged by mysterious blasts a week earlier.

But Tbilisi accused Moscow of

taking too long to fix the damage to punish the pro-Western policies of Georgia, which relies on Russia for its gas needs.

The pipeline blasts left millions of Georgians shivering in their homes

in bitterly cold temperatures.

In Moscow, the Foreign Ministry issued a statement Sunday accusing Tbilisi of cutting off gas to the Russian Embassy building in retaliation the day before, describing it as "yet another anti-Russian action." (AP)

World



ONLY A TEST: A man who said he was out to test security in Budapest walked more than an hour with a fake AK-47 rifle before police apprehended him, local media reported. The man said he walked around police headquarters and took a train ride before being stopped.

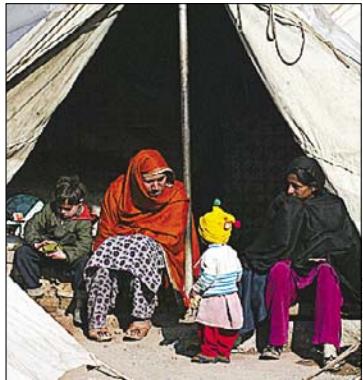
The Next Quake Challenge

With services better in camps, some survivors may resist going home

ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN | Ever since South Asia's monster earthquake drove Shahnaz Bibi from her toppled mountain home nearly four months ago, she and 13 others have been sleeping in a tiny dust-caked tent with a dirt floor, no electricity and no heat.

But even if she had the money to rebuild, Bibi is in no rush to leave her sprawling refugee camp on the edge of Islamabad. At least her six children can go to school, the family has access to doctors and she doesn't have to walk one hour to the nearest market.

"This life is obviously better," Bibi said. "We'll stay here as long



A family of quake survivors sits in the sun outside their tent in Muzaffarabad.

as we can."

With spring around the corner, sending home refugees of the Oct. 8 earthquake is a top priority for the U.N.-led relief effort, but aid workers warn that is easier said than done.

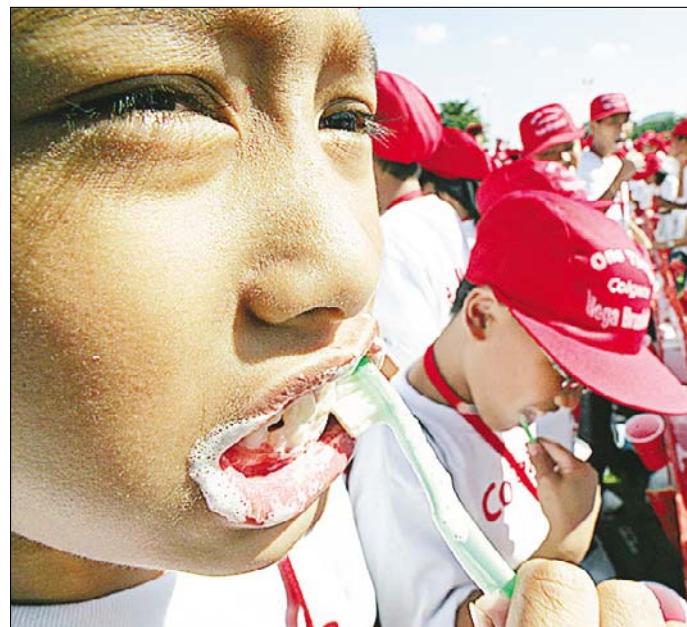
Exposed in camps for the first time to basic city conveniences, some of the 3.5 million people left homeless by the earthquake do not want to return to the rural hardships and poverty of Pakistan's Himalayan outback.

"Nobody is ready to leave my camp," says Malik Aulya Khan, an Interior Ministry official who runs Islamabad's H-11 tent city.

While many camps are squalid affairs with poor sanitation and paper-thin tents, those run by the U.N. and the Pakistani government can be eye-openers to some refugees, especially those who have never left their remote hamlets.

H-11 is scheduled to close in April, but Khan is not optimistic about the timeline. "We can't force them," Khan said. "We are facing a social problem." HANS GREIMEL (AP)

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MS. PRESIDENT: Finnish voters re-elected leftist President Tarja Halonen Sunday in a close runoff against her conservative challenger. Halonen had 51.8 percent of the vote, against 48.2 percent for former Finance Minister Sauli Niinisto.

World

Israel Keeps Tough Line on Hamas

Olmert rejects contact with Palestinians if group doesn't disarm

JERUSALEM | Israel ruled out contacts with a Palestinian government led by Hamas unless the Islamic group renounces violence and threatened Sunday to "liquidate" militants if they resume attacking Israelis.

Acting Prime Minister Ehud Olmert said Israel will stop the monthly transfer of tens of millions of dollars in tax rebates and other funds to the Palestinian Authority if a Hamas government is installed.

With the latest comments, Israel showed no signs of backing down from the hard line it has taken since Hamas won a surprising landslide victory in Palestinian legislative elections last week.

Hamas, which opposes the exis-



UPHEAVAL: Palestinians walk past a wall covered with election posters and graffiti in Gaza City on Sunday as the region works to adjust to Hamas' electoral victory.

tence of Israel and has killed hundreds of Israelis in suicide bomb attacks, is expected to lead the next Palestinian government, hurting the chances for a peace deal.

Olmert, addressing the weekly meeting of his Cabinet, said he has been in touch with leaders around the world in recent days and received support for the tough Israeli stance

against Hamas.

"We clarified that without a clear abandonment of the path of terror, a recognition of Israel's right to exist in security and peace ... Israel won't have any contact with the Palestinians," Olmert said.

Hamas refuses to disarm or recognize Israel, though it has hinted that it could reach a long-term truce or other accommodation with the Jewish state.

During the Cabinet meeting, Defense Minister Shaul Mofaz said Hamas "is portraying policies of responsibility" and even has tried to restrain suicide attacks by the radical Islamic Jihad group.

But earlier, Mofaz said Israel is prepared to kill Hamas militants if the group resumes its attacks.

"Those who head terror organizations and continue to engage in terror against the state of Israel will be liquidated," told Channel 2 TV on Saturday night. JOSEF FEDERMAN (AP)

EU to Weigh Freezing Funds For Palestinians

BRUSSELS, BELGIUM | EU foreign ministers face tough decisions at their talks Monday over whether to freeze financial aid to a Hamas-led Palestinian government after the militant group swept Palestinian elections last week.

The European Union currently maintains a multimillion dollar aid program for the Palestinian Authority, and foreign ministers will have to decide whether to continue or suspend it if Hamas maintains its stance of calling for the destruction of Israel.

Monday's talks are to start just before a separate Monday meeting of the so-called Quartet of Mideast peace negotiators — the U.S., Russia, the United Nations and the EU. Officials in that meeting, to be held in London, will discuss whether peace efforts can be salvaged after Hamas' victory. (AP)



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Local

In Brief

WASHINGTON

Boy Dies After Being Hit Crossing Road With Mother

A seven-year-old boy died Sunday the result of being hit by a Jeep while he and his mother were crossing Southern Avenue SE on Saturday night. The mother remains in critical condition. Police said that the two were not using a crosswalk. (AP)

ROCKVILLE, MD.

Duncan Lags Behind in Race To Raise Campaign Cash

More than half the money Montgomery County Executive Doug Duncan has raised for his gubernatorial campaign has come from his home county, raising questions about whether he can compete statewide with Gov. Robert Ehrlich and Baltimore Mayor Martin O'Malley. Duncan collected \$1.3 million in 2005. O'Malley, Duncan's rival in the Democratic primary, raised about \$4.3 million during the same period, with a little more than a quarter coming from Baltimore. (AP)



Duncan

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WASHINGTON

Police Investigate Shooting At Columbia Heights 7-11

D.C. police officers are investigating the robbery of a 7-11 store Friday night in Columbia Heights in which the suspect shot the store clerk. Police said the man jumped on the counter, shot the clerk and got away with an undetermined amount of cash. The clerk's shoulder wound was not life threatening. (AP)

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WEIGHTY PROPOSAL: The \$72 billion budget proposed by former Virginia Gov. Mark Warner includes \$400,000 in nutrition and fitness education dedicated to help overweight children in the southwestern part of state reduce their body masses.

Terrorism Sirens Ready for Debut

Arlington, Alexandria part of pilot program for warning system

WASHINGTON | The haunting wail of sirens familiar to generations who lived through World War II and the Cold War will return to some of Washington's Virginia suburbs.

Arlington County and neighboring Alexandria will become the first communities in the country to experiment with sirens as terrorist attack alerts.

They are preparing to buy as many as 15 sirens to mount on telephone poles, buildings and elsewhere under in a federally funded pilot program that is being closely watched by other area governments.

"Everyone's looking at this to see if it will really reach significant

numbers of people who are otherwise not reachable," said David Snyder of Falls Church, a member of the Washington region's emergency preparedness council.

Emergency managers stress that sirens are limited because they are designed to reach people outdoors. They are not ideal for suburban counties where people tend to spend more time indoors than out.

The program will test sirens in several neighborhoods, simulating the response to an explosion or weather catastrophe with a wail followed by a broadcast.

"We don't want to disturb people, but we want to make sure we get the best information we can," Robert P. Griffin Jr., Arlington's director of emergency management, told The Washington Post.

He estimated the project's cost at \$350,000. (AP)

Mfume Taps Political Vets for Race

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in Republican-leaning districts.

According to the DNC Web



Mfume

site, Lewis was finance director for 2004 presidential hopeful Howard Dean's organization, Democracy for America. He also served on the finance team for Rep. Chris Van Hollen's 2002 campaign.

Another former Dean staffer, Joe Trippi, has been a consultant to the Mfume campaign. (AP)

IN The Washington Post | A HITCHHIKER'S COMMUTE



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HEADED HOME: John Schindel tries to hitch a ride home to far-out Nokesville, Va., after a day of working construction closer to D.C. Schindel, who hitchhikes most days, has pressed his cause, becoming an unelected statesman for car-less, struggling exurban workers. | Today in Metro

Smithsonian to Unveil New Museum's Site

Possible locations for black history facility are on or near Mall

WASHINGTON | The Smithsonian Institution plans to announce Monday the location that's been chosen for the future national museum dedicated to black history and culture.

There's been much debate over the significance of the National Museum of African-American History and Culture's location. In a city full of museums, the four locations could determine the museum's overall status.

Some advocates contend the

museum should be located on the National Mall because black Americans have been pushed out to less desirable places, but others want a site that's the best spot for an expansive museum building.

The four potential sites are the Arts and Industries Building next to the Smithsonian Castle; an empty lot on the Mall within view of the Washington Monument fronting Constitution Avenue between 14th and 15th streets NW; a federal building near the Tidal Basin at the approach to the 14th Street Bridge; and an area at 10th Street SW, where the L'Enfant Promenade ends near I-395 and the Southwest Waterfront. (AP)

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Local

Holiday Sought for Lunar New Year

Md. activists gather signatures to seek federal recognition

ELLIOTT CITY, MD. | Asians in Maryland and elsewhere are pushing for measures they hope will result in a federal holiday marking the Lunar New Year, allowing public schools to close and employees to stay home from work.

Activists from the Chinese, Korean and Vietnamese communities have collected more than 6,000 signatures in Maryland for a petition to recognize the Lunar

New Year.

While often referred to as the Chinese New Year, the holiday is observed by many Asian communities. The Vietnamese call it Tet, and Koreans call it Sol Nal.

Sunday marked the Lunar New Year in 2006, with celebrations by more than a billion Asians around the world. There are about 12 million Asians in the United States, and some say their struggle for recognition echoes those of other immigrant groups.

"The Italian Americans have Columbus Day, the Irish have St. Patrick's Day and African



A dragon dance entertains a mall crowd in Gaithersburg on Saturday.

Americans have Martin Luther King Jr. Day," Henry Lau, a co-founder of the Maryland Coalition for Recognition of the Asian Lunar New Year. "But the Asian American community has nothing. It's like we're not real Americans."

Many Asians say they feel unable to properly celebrate what they consider the most important holiday of the year because they are unable to miss work or take their children out of school.

"It makes me feel like it's possible to be a good Chinese and a good American," said Emily Yee-Mei Lee, 47, of Ellicott City. (AP)

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Personal Tech

A Brainy Beauty

New iMacs powered by Intel sport hot form, faster function

TECH TEST | Normally, a speedier computer that appears to be carbon copy of the one it replaced isn't worthy of much attention.

Not so, with the new iMac from Apple Computer Inc., the first with silicon brains from Intel Corp.

The new iMacs remain visually stunning, with the entire computer squeezed into the frame of a 17-inch or 20-inch flat-panel display. They still have built-in video cameras. They run most of the same software titles. And they cost the same (\$1,299 or \$1,699) as the last generation of iMacs, which ran IBM's PowerPC chips.

The Intel Corp. Core Duo processor inside, with two computing engines on each chip, does deliver a boost in performance with some programs, though Apple's claims of up to three times over the last generation is a stretch.

Apple, at least so far, seems to have done a very good job at making sure all old programs run seamlessly on the new Mac and that its new programs run on older Macs.

I borrowed a 20-inch Intel-based iMac from Apple and installed a variety of software on it, including some that I had bought for my five-year-old Power Mac.

A number of Apple's applications, including the latest versions of Mac OS X, iWork '06 productiv-



TEAMING UP: Intel CEO Paul Otellini, left, and Apple CEO Steve Jobs check out a MacBook Pro laptop with an Intel processor in San Francisco earlier this month.

ity suite and the iLife '06 bundle of multimedia applications, already are available as "Universal" applications that work with both Intel and PowerPC Macs.

On the new Mac, the operating system was snappy. Programs like iPhoto, iTunes, Pages and Keynote felt like they benefited from the boost in computing horsepower.

In another test, I dug up copies of old programs and installed them on the new iMac. In this case, a technology called Rosetta takes over behind the scenes and translates the old code into something the Intel chip can understand.

As might be expected, there was a performance hit.

After installing the former Macromedia Inc.'s Studio MX 2004, I definitely noticed a slight

lag when menus or windows were opened. It was most evident when moving complex pieces in the graphics program Freehand. That forced the image to redraw — very slowly — on the screen.

There are a handful of programs that won't work at all on the new Mac. They include some high-end professional applications from Apple, which promises to have new versions available within about a month, and also old programs that require Mac OS 9 and earlier.

Some might wonder if the new iMacs, because they have the same brain as computers that run Windows, can run that operating system. Right now, with Windows XP, the answer is no, though Apple says it won't prevent users from doing so. MATTHEW FORDAHL (AP)

Study: Web Doesn't Isolate

NEW YORK | Alone on the Internet? Hardly.

The cyberworld expands people's social networks and even encourages people to talk by phone or meet others in person, a new study finds.

The Pew Internet and American Life Project also finds that U.S. Internet users are more apt to get help on health care, financial and

other decisions because they have a larger set of people to turn to.

Further rebuking early studies suggesting that the Internet promotes isolation, Pew found that it "was actually helping people maintain their communities," said Barry Wellman, a University of Toronto sociology professor and co-author of the Pew report.

The study found that e-mail is

supplementing, not replacing, other means of contact. For example, people who e-mail most of their closest friends and relatives at least once a week are about 25 percent more likely to have weekly landline phone contact as well.

Meanwhile, Internet users tend to have a larger network of close and significant contacts — a median of 37 compared with 30 for nonusers — and they are more likely to receive help from someone within that social network. (AP)

CALL EMILIO ESTEVEZ: Come October, the Ducks won't be Mighty anymore. The Mighty Ducks of Anaheim announced they will officially change their name to the Anaheim Ducks at the start of the 2006-07 season



Sports



Maryland's Marissa Coleman scored 11 points in a 79-70 victory on Sunday.

Terrapins Continue Road Show

No. 6 U-Md. women defeat Wake Forest, 79-70, in overtime

TERPS WOMEN | Crystal Langhorne scored a career-high 34 points, including 10 in overtime, and No. 6 Maryland beat Wake Forest 79-70 on Sunday.

Langhorne — whose previous career best was 33 points, set Feb. 28, 2005, against Northern Colorado — also had 14 rebounds to help the Terrapins (19-2, 6-1 Atlantic Coast Conference) win their fifth straight game.

Laura Harper added 13 points and Marissa Coleman had 11 for Maryland.

Despite a decided advantage inside — Maryland had a 52-34 rebounding edge — the Terrapins struggled to put away the pesky Demon Deacons (10-9, 2-5), who suffered their third straight loss.

Cotelia Bond-Young scored 29 points for Wake Forest, hitting six 3-pointers as the Demon Deacons went 9-of-23 from beyond the arc.

Deridre Naughton scored 15 points and Corinne Groves had 11 for Wake Forest, which suffered its second loss against a ranked team in the last three days. No. 3 North Carolina beat the Demon Deacons 91-57 on Friday night. (AP)

Capitals Bottle Up Lightning, 2-1

Zubrus scores game winner with 2:20 left to end losing streak

CAPITALS | Alexander Ovechkin made the Tampa Bay Lightning pay dearly for a defensive decision to double-team him.

Dainius Zubrus scored with 2:20 left in regulation and the Washington Capitals edged the Tampa Bay Lightning 2-1 Sunday for their third home win in four games against the defending Stanley Cup champions.

Ovechkin started the decisive push by skating down the left boards and drawing two defenders to him. Ovechkin slipped a rink-wide pass through traffic to Chris Clark on the right wing, and Clark tapped the puck to Zubrus, who scored after splitting two defenders in the slot.

The pass was a daring but beautiful assist, showing that the rookie sensation is keenly aware of where his teammates are and what the defense is trying to do to slow him down.

Doubling down on Ovechkin created extra ice that made possible an otherwise risky long pass.

"If two guys are going to go to [Ovechkin], right away as soon as he's into the zone, it means there's always going to be someone open....



CLOSE CALL: Norman Milley misses a shot to an open net behind Caps goalie Olie Kolzig in the second period of Washington's 2-1 victory over Tampa Bay. It was the third win in four tries against the defending Stanley Cup champions this season.

After 40 games, people are starting to realize that this is the guy they have to go to," Clark said.

Ovechkin said the game-winner helped to balance out a frustrating offensive afternoon for the Capitals, who had only four first-

period shots, gave the Lightning seven power plays and were out-shot 35-24.

"We played not good for two periods," Ovechkin said. "The third period, I think we played pretty well."

Jeff Halpern also scored for the

Capitals, who snapped a three-game losing streak.

Tampa Bay's Evgeny Artyukhin almost forced overtime. With 0.5 seconds left, his shot glanced off the right post and through the crease behind goalie Olie Kolzig. (AP)

Tiger Starts New Year as a Winner

Woods forces way into playoff, then captures the Buick Invitational

GOLF | A new decade for Tiger Woods looks a lot like the last one — making clutch putts, letting his opponents break down and hoisting the trophy at a golf course that feels as if it's home.

Woods made an 8-foot birdie on the 18th hole Sunday to get into a three-way playoff, then won the Buick Invitational with simple pars as Australian rookie Nathan Green and two-time Masters champion Jose Maria Olazabal made cru-



Tiger Woods won for the fourth time at the Buick Invitational on Sunday afternoon.

cial mistakes.

Olazabal, playing a splendid bunker shot on the par-3 16th, missed a 4-foot par putt on the second extra hole to hand Woods a victory that was only easy at the end.

For Woods, it was the fourth time in 10 years that he won in his first PGA Tour event of the year, and he became the first four-time winner at the Buick Invitational, played on a Torrey Pines course he played as a kid.

The finish was reminiscent of the American Express Championship last October at Harding Park, where John Daly lost on the second extra hole by missing a 3-foot putt.

Just like then, Woods bowed his head and slowly walked over to shake hands. DOUG FERGUSON (AP)

Sports



HOMETOWN TEAM: Just to make sure there's no confusion about which team they're supporting in the Super Bowl, the mayor and council of Washington, Pa., voted unanimously to change this city's name to Steeler, Pa., at least through Feb. 5—the day of the big game.

Fans Side With Steelers in Detroit

Upon arrival at Super Bowl site, Seahawks feel like a road team

SUPER BOWL | The Seahawks were fortunate to arrive in Detroit one day ahead of the Steelers. It gave them an extra few hours to get used to seeing so much black and gold in the Super Bowl city.

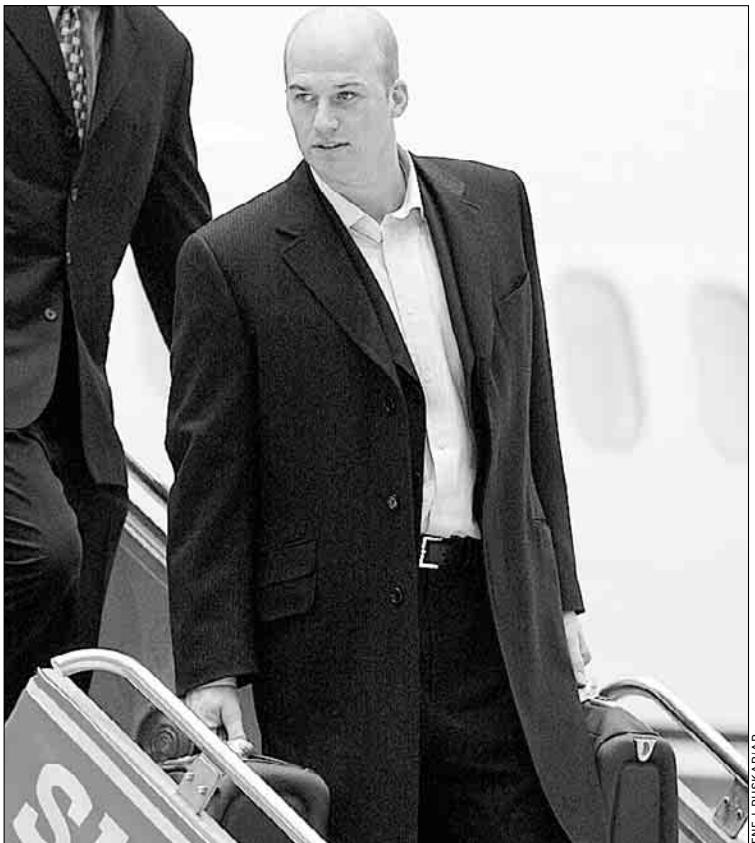
Even though the Lions' home jersey is a shade of blue close to what the Seahawks wear, the color of choice this week already appears to have a Pittsburgh hue.

At the airport, in the shopping malls, in Greektown — wherever — the only non-Lions NFL apparel seems to sport the names Bettis and Roethlisberger.

That doesn't bother league Most Valuable Player Shaun Alexander, whose best friend doesn't root for the Seahawks.

He roots for, you guessed it, the Steelers.

"He is definitely coming,"



Seahawks quarterback Matt Hasselbeck arrives with his team in Detroit on Sunday.

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Alexander said. "He'll be there, probably wearing a Pittsburgh jersey, but that's OK.

"He asked me for 10 tickets. I said, 'Why do I want to give you 10 tickets and you'll bring all Steelers fans?'

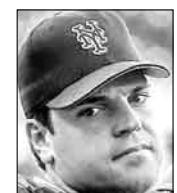
Alexander's buddy won't be alone. It takes just a bit longer to drive from Pittsburgh to Detroit as it does to fly from Seattle, and at considerably lower prices, the rising price of fuel notwithstanding.

"They are coming from everywhere," Pittsburgh running back Willie Parker said of Steelers' fans. "They are crawling from under the rocks. They are coming out of the woods." **BARRY WILNER (AP)**

All-Star Piazza Signs a 1-Year Deal With Padres

BASEBALL | All-Star catcher Mike Piazza agreed Sunday to a \$2 million, one-year free agent contract with the San Diego Padres, giving the defending NL West champions a marquee player they think can still contribute.

Piazza, 37, had considered joining an AL team as a designated hitter, but instead will return to the West Coast for the first time since the Los Angeles Dodgers traded him to the Florida Marlins in 1998.



Piazza

The deal includes a mutual option for 2007 at \$8 million.

Even with Piazza's production at the plate declining, his 19 homers with the New York Mets last season were more than any Padres player hit. Piazza holds the major league record for most career home runs by a catcher. (AP)

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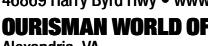
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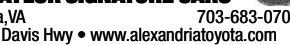
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The percent that No. 13 Indiana's basketball team shot from the field in its 61-42 loss to Big 10 rival Minnesota on Sunday, which hadn't won a league game this year.

Sports

James Torches the Suns

Star scores 44, adds a spectacular highlight to resume in Cavs' win

NBA | In 6 shining seconds, LeBron James made a block at one end, a dunk at the other and left a lasting memory of greatness.

"It was unbelievable," said Phoenix guard Leandro Barbosa.

James scored 32 of his 44 points in the second half, and brought Cleveland back almost all by himself as the Cavaliers rallied for their fifth straight win, 113-106 over the Phoenix Suns on Sunday.

James added 11 rebounds and seven assists for the Cavs, who trailed by 17 midway through the third quarter when their third-year superstar took control of the game.

And, in a stirring 6-second sequence of the fourth, James made one of the best plays of this NBA season — or any other.

First, he hustled back on defense and blocked a floating layup by the speedy Barbosa, whose shot would have tied it. Then, James quickly retrieved the ball, sped down the floor, eluded Boris Diaw with a



LeBron James scored 32 of his 44 points in the second half in Sunday's 113-106 win.

head fake and delivered a vicious, right-handed dunk that gave the Cavaliers a 97-93 lead.

"I was like, 'Holy Moley!'" Cavs coach Mike Brown said. "That was one of the most athletic plays I've ever seen."

The Suns were stunned.

"He made a million highlights in a very short time," said reigning

league MVP Steve Nash, who led Phoenix with 24 points.

During the Cavs' winning streak, James is averaging 37.2 points, 7.8 rebounds and 7.6 assists, and his 44-point, 11-rebound, 7-assist effort has only been matched by Michael Jordan, Larry Bird and Hakeem Olajuwon since 1991-92.

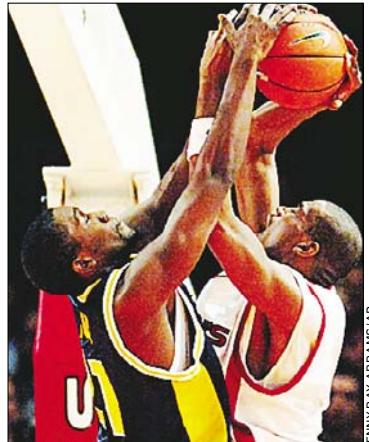
TOM WITHERS (AP)

W.Va. Still Perfect in Big East

COLLEGE HOOPS | Kevin Pittsnogle and Mike Gansey knew West Virginia's 18-point lead over St. John's wasn't going to stay that comfortable. They just didn't know how close the ninth-ranked Mountaineers would come to losing all of it.

West Virginia made just one field goal over the final 11 minutes and almost blew a 13-point lead in the last 3 minutes, but the Mountaineers managed to hang on for a 66-61 victory on Sunday.

"We didn't expect to win by 20 and obviously we struggled down the stretch," said Gansey, who had



West Virginia's Frank Young, left, blocks a shot by St. John's Lamont Hamilton.

15 points, including four free throws in the final 14 seconds. "St. John's is a tough team and we knew they would make a run."

Pittsnogle had 19 points for the Mountaineers (15-4, 6-0), who remained the only unbeaten team in the Big East. JIM O'CONNELL (AP)

N.C. State Holds Off Clemson's Try for an Upset

COLLEGE HOOPS | Ilian Evtimov scored 11 of his season-high 22 points in the two overtime periods to lead No. 15 North Carolina State to a 94-85 victory over Clemson on Sunday.

The Wolfpack (16-4, 5-2 Atlantic Coast Conference) were on the verge of following an embarrassing 83-65 home loss to Seton Hall on Wednesday with another defeat when Cliff Hammonds stepped to the foul line with the Tigers ahead 71-69 with 9.9 seconds to go.

But Hammonds went only 1-of-2, and N.C. State's Cameron Bennerman hit a 3-pointer from the right side to tie things at 72-all with 2.4 seconds left in regulation. Then Evtimov took over. (AP)

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"Right now, if you want to cheat, you can: Barry Bonds and those guys are just knowingly cheating, but there's all sorts of loopholes."

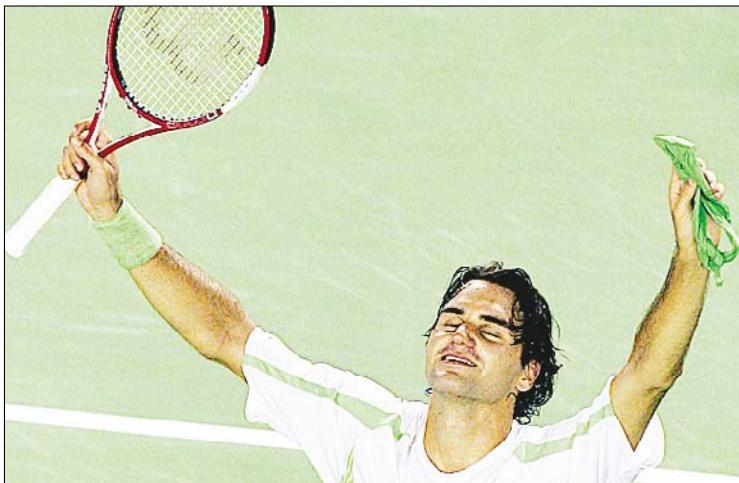
—Bode Miller, discussing steroid use in sports in most recent edition of "Rolling Stone."

Federer Is in 7th Heaven

TENNIS | Always in control on the court, Roger Federer was overcome with emotion while accepting his Australian Open trophy from one of the few people he's still trying to match.

The top-ranked Federer fulfilled overwhelming expectations by beating unlikely finalist Marcos Baghdatis 5-7, 7-5, 6-0, 6-2 in Sunday's final to claim his seventh Grand Slam title and third in succession.

He tearfully embraced tennis great Rod Laver while receiving his trophy. Laver twice swept the Grand Slams, a feat Federer will try to emulate this season — if he



Roger Federer won the Australian Open — his third straight major — on Sunday.

finally can win a French Open.

Federer wept and was stuck for words at the award presentation. "I was so happy," he said. "Then I had to go up on stage and speak. This is really too much for me sometimes. It's just a dream come true every time I win a Grand Slam."

Federer maintained his perfect record in seven major finals. And, at 24, he's halfway toward Pete Sampras' all-time record of 14 Grand Slam titles. Sampras also was 24 when he won his seventh.

Federer's next career goal is a French Open title. A win at Roland Garros would give him four consecutive majors across two seasons, and he'd be halfway to a proper Grand Slam — last accomplished by Laver in 1969. JOHN PYE (AP)

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

COLLEGE HOOPS (7 P.M. ON ESPN) No. 6 Villanova hosts No. 22 Louisville in a game featuring two of the Big East's top teams.

COLLEGE HOOPS (9 P.M. ON ESPN2) Texas Tech faces Kansas as both struggling teams in the Big 12 try to right the ship.

COLLEGE HOOPS (MIDNIGHT ON ESPN2) Hawaii visits Utah State.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS (7 P.M. ON ESPN2) No. 4 LSU hosts No. 9 Baylor.

HOCKEY (7 P.M. ON OLN) The Atlantic division-leading Philadelphia Flyers visit the second-place New York Rangers.

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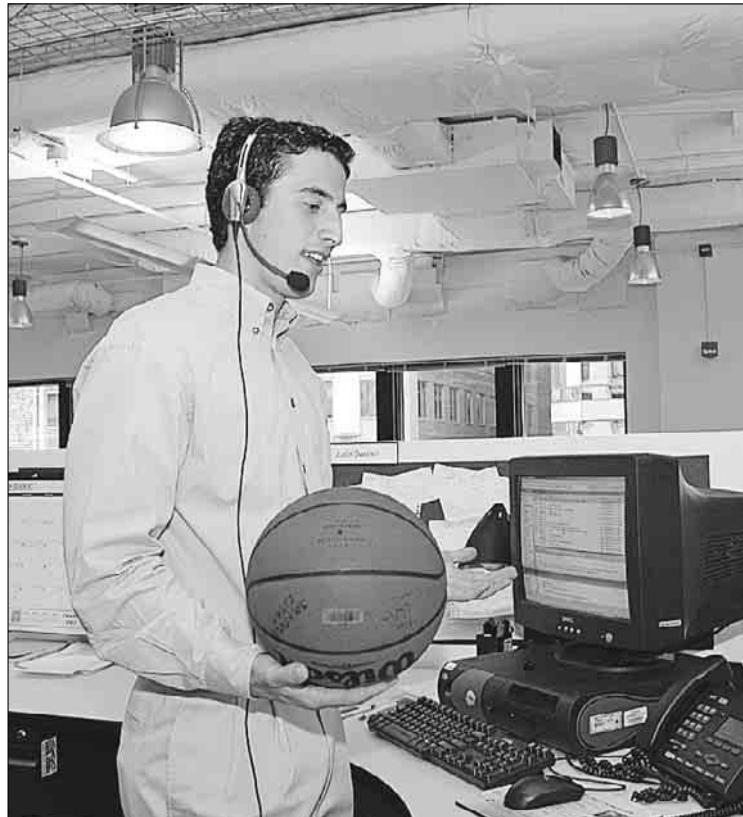
JOB: Sales associate at the Corporate Executive Board, a best-practices research firm in D.C.

SALARY: \$40,000-\$43,000 average total compensation (base plus bonus)

EDUCATION: Bachelor's in communications from Vanderbilt University

WHAT HE DOES: Dworkin takes the first step in convincing companies to sign up for membership services at CEB by cold-calling senior executives to schedule sales meetings. (As part of the Information Technology group, his targets are chief information officers.) He tries to catch them at "prime hours" — early in the morning, or late in the day when the assistant isn't in the office, "because it's the assistant's job to prevent us from speaking to them."

Dworkin has about 250 potential members on his list at any given time, and he estimates he makes 100 to 200 calls a day. Once he has a CIO on the phone, "I have to say something in 30 seconds that makes sense" and persuade the exec to take a meeting with an associate director. In addition to making calls, Dworkin sends e-mails and does research on the companies he's calling so he can "say something relevant" if given the chance. It's like a game — when he locks in a meeting, he sees it as a 22-year-old beating out the CIO of a Fortune 500 company. When he meets and exceeds his sales goals, Dworkin



MICHELLE REED/EXPRESS

is duly rewarded. "The best part is the money," he said, but a front-row ticket to U2 and a four-day trip to Miami aren't bad, either. He also likes his company's young, play-hard atmosphere, which includes football-throwing over the cubes and happy hours on the rooftop.

WOULD YOU WANT HIS JOB? "I get rejected on a daily basis," Dworkin said of the executives he calls. "They hang up on me." It's also frustrating when a CIO postpones or cancels a meeting at the last minute.

HOW YOU CAN GET HIS JOB: Dworkin's dad worked in sales out of

the home, so Dworkin grew up listening to him on the phone. "It's all about attitude," he said. "You need to be a people person, you need to be able to hold a conversation, you need to be able to pick up the phone and talk to someone who's a lot more important than you are." Although he feels "you're cut out for sales or you're not," he says that any job dealing with people would be good preparation.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: National Association of Sales Professionals (nasp.com), acareerinsales.com, marketingjobs.com. STEPHANIE JONES

her attitude? I was a little shocked, and we're not good friends so I'm surprised she sent me a note like that. I'm certainly not inclined to provide another reference.

Uh, yeah. No more references for her. You can just drop it with this person. Or if you are inclined to help, tell her that you understand it's tough, but there's a lot of competition out there and a letter like that will get her nowhere. Fast.

What is the best way to avoid putting your current employer down as a reference. I know many places have you fill out a reference form when you go in for an interview and give you an option on whether

or not they can contact your current/previous employers, but do you need to address your reasons? Or if they ask for references along with a resume and cover letter, will it look odd if you leave your current boss off, or will most people assume it's because you don't want them to know you are looking for a new job?

I think it's totally safe to ask that they not contact your current employer. Just make sure to give them plenty of other good references. I know lots of employers will assume that you just don't want your current employer to know you're looking. That's common and accepted.



LIVE ONLINE

Life at Work

AMY JOYCE's column appears Sundays in The Washington Post. She chats every Tuesday at 11 a.m. on washingtonpost.com/liveonline.

I provided a reference for a former co-worker who did not get the job she was applying for. Her "thank you" note to me for providing the reference was a nasty (and vulgar) rant about the company. She's extremely bitter she wasn't hired. How does she expect to get a new job if that's

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Entertainment



BRING THE KIDS: It was all in the family at movie theaters this week as the Martin Lawrence cross-dressing comedy "Big Momma's House 2" and the British fantasy "Nanny McPhee" ruled the box office. The vampire drama "Underworld: Evolution" fell to third place.

Making Film History

The keeper of Oscar trivia and secrets has a long night ahead

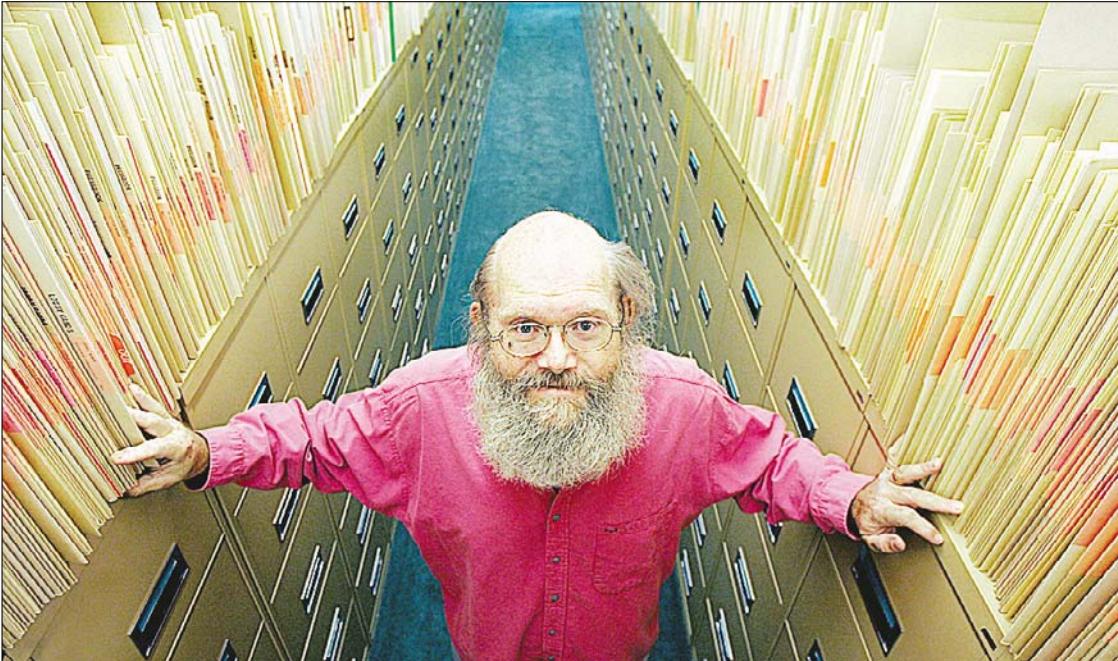
LITTLE-KNOWN FACTS | Weathered plastic crates crammed with papers, books and binders cover the floor. Cardboard boxes compete for space atop four large filing cabinets lining one of the walls. Piles of manila envelopes and official-looking brown folders fill every visible bit of desk space.

This is ground zero for the Oscars' most important and detailed research: finding film factoids for the worldwide media to use in the endless stream of stories leading up to the March 5 Academy Awards show.

At 9 p.m. Monday, academy historian Patrick E. Stockstill and his team will be locked inside the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences' headquarters in Beverly Hills and presented with the names of this year's Oscar nominees.

By 5:38 a.m. Tuesday, they will have transformed Stockstill's mess of papers, plus 1,860 file drawers, into a tidy collection of facts and figures for film fans to chew on.

He was named Academy Historian in 1983. After decades of immersion in movie stats, his mind



RETRIEVABLE FACTS: Patrick Stockstill amid the manila folders that harbor Oscar secrets, minutiae and forgotten factoids.

works like an infinite database.

"Nobody even dares play Trivial Pursuit with me now," he said.

Oh, but we'll try.

So, Patrick, how many films are eligible for the Oscars this year?

"Three hundred eleven," he said instantly. "It's the most in a long time. I had to put it in my statistics book."

Stockstill and fellow librarians Lucia Schultz and Libby Wertin start with the Academy's list of eligible

entries, then the brainstorming begins. But it's not an entirely blind quest: "We also have ears. We have eyes. We read newspapers. We hear people talking," Stockstill said.

Once the nominations are announced, Schultz collects biographies and credits for each of the nominees, plus the spelling of any name a winner is likely to mention during an acceptance speech.

The Academy has a searchable database online; the Margaret

Herrick Library is also open to regular folks. Reference librarians will research questions that can't be found in the library or online, such as a recent inquiry about a snake that escaped during the 1993 Oscar show.

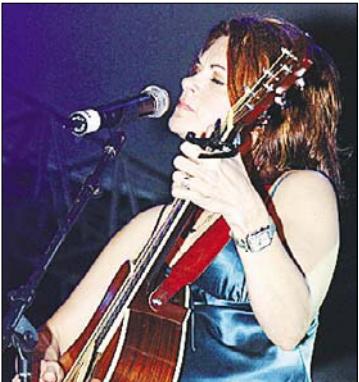
"He wasn't found for six months," said Wertin of the guest star that slithered off during rehearsals. "The understudy snake actually had to go into the production."

SANDY COHEN (AP)

Cash's Hard Reckoning

Roseanne Cash comes to terms with three family deaths

MUSIC | Coming to terms with the death of a parent is a monumental task for anyone. When that parent is a cultural titan on the level of a Johnny Cash, the layers of grief and loss grow even more complex. And if that weren't plenty to keep singer-songwriter as Rosanne Cash up to her tear ducts in source materi-



The singer-songwriter manages pain.

al, fold in the deaths of her mother (Vivian Liberto Distin) and her country-legend stepmother, June Carter Cash.

On "Black Cadillac" (Capitol), Cash grips tightly to the aspects of loss she has been able to process, even if the size of that task escapes her grasp at times.

The tone is expectedly somber, with lots of minor-key musical settings for dark words of hurt, anger, despondency and fleeting hopelessness. Cash repeatedly draws

on touchstone images: kings and queens, of smoke and fire, of graves and emotional waves.

She seeks answers to largely answerless questions about the essence of the bond of love between two human beings and what it is that survives the physical or emotional absence of the loved one.

Most often, she invokes a tangible sense of beloved places past in "House on the Lake," "World Without Sound" and "God Is in the Roses." Under her outer skepticism, it's clear some kind of faith resides; undoubtedly this won't be her last word on the void left by parental giants. RANDY LEWIS (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

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Entertainment

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A new chick-lit novel proves that love is spoken everywhere

GIRL READERS | International atrocities were all in a day's work for Jessica Jiji, a news writer at the United Nations. Foreign policy, election results and body counts were, and still are, her bread and butter.

When she came home, Jiji needed to decompress. She turned to reading chick lit, a light, easily absorbed genre of books.

But the 40-year-old with a master's degree in international relations was quickly frustrated by chick lit. She found it simple and at times poorly written. Instead of complaining about it, a friend suggested, she should write her own.

Jiji did just that. Her book, "Diamonds Take Forever," follows the basic formula for the genre: heartbreak, the struggle to get over it and the quest for a new man.

But Jiji's book has a twist. Between the tales of woe and encouragement from the requisite gay friend are Arabic phrases and references to arranged marriages within an Arab and Jewish



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family.

"I hope to convey in the novel some of the admirable qualities in Arabic culture like generosity, warmth, hospitality and loyalty," the Jiji said.

"Diamonds Take Forever" is the story of Michelle Benamou, a twentysomething who lives in Queens with her boyfriend Joe. When he

breaks up with her, Michelle is not only heartbroken, but without an apartment. As she tries to find a place to live, she samples some new suitors and gets on with life.

Jiji's father may be Iraqi, but in "Diamonds Take Forever" she decided to make Michelle Benamou Moroccan instead. "I couldn't make her Iraqi without addressing all the

other issues connected with Iraq."

Jiji signed with Avon Trade, which was looking for more ethnic stories in its line of novels geared at women. This amused Jiji — half Iraqi and a practicing Buddhist.

"Exotic for me was the blue-eyed blond girl — the Protestant whose parents didn't have funny names," she said. PAULINE M. MILLARD (AP)

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'NOT FOR LADIES'? Bad news, football widows: The NFL Network will launch a "run up to the playoffs" package this fall, an eight-game set of prime-time games airing from Thanksgiving to the end of the regular season. Wait, there's an NFL Network?

Men Against a Ticking Clock

A&E's 'Flight 93' exploits patriotism; **'24'** creates drama

ACTION PACKED | "Flight 93" (9 p.m., A&E) is the second cable movie to depict the horrible events of Sept. 11 in a moment-by-moment fashion. The Discovery Channel aired a similar film some months ago about the very same subject. This new version is not the better of the two.

Next to the choice to air "Flight 93" at all, the most curious decision by A&E is to broadcast it opposite "24" (9 p.m., Fox).

Like "Flight 93," this superior



LET'S ROLL: Fictionalized passengers on "Flight 93" fight back with a drinks cart.

weekly drama offers viewers the cathartic experience of watching Americans take decisive actions to confront terrorists. Both take place accompanied by a ticking clock.

But "24" operates in the realm of fiction and melodrama, freeing the viewer to watch it without feeling that one's patriotism and emotions are being exploited. **KEVIN MCDONOUGH** (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

LOCAL CHANNELS

	6:00 PM	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
WRC (4)	News CC		NBC Nightly News	Access Hollywood	Surface "Episode 14" (N) O CC		Las Vegas "Mothwoman" O CC		Medium "Time Out of Mind" CC		News CC	Tonight Show
WTTG (5)	Seinfeld O CC	The Simpsons O	The Simpsons O	Seinfeld O CC	Skating With Celebrities (N) CC		24 "Day 5: 12:00PM - 1:00PM" (N)		News		Geraldo at Large	Friends O CC
WJLA (7)	News CC	ABC Wld News	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! CC	Wife Swap "King/Reeves" (N) CC	In Style	Celebrity Weddings (N) CC	The Bachelor: Paris (N) O CC	News CC	(35) Nightline		
WUSA (9)	News CC	CBS News	9News Tonight	Ent. Tonight	King of Queens "How I Met	Two/Half Men	Courting Alex (N) O	CSI: Miami "Fade Out" (iTV) (N) O	News CC	Late Show		
WDCA (20)	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	Friends O CC	Every-Raymond	One on One O	All of Us CC	Girlfriends CC	Half & Half CC	The Tyra Banks Show (N) CC		Girlfriends CC	Girlfriends CC
WMPT (22)	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)	Business Rpt.	Business Rpt.	Direct Connection	Antiques Roadshow (N) CC	American Experience (N) O CC	American Experience "D-Day" O				John Ford Goes to War O CC	
WETA (26)	BBC World News	Business Rpt.	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Antiques Roadshow (N) CC	JFK: Breaking the News O CC	American Experience (N) O CC				Charlie Rose (N) O CC	
WHUT (32)	Moneytrack CC	Tavis Smiley O	BBC World News	Moneywise	American Masters O CC	New York the Way It Was: Village	BBC World News	Tavis Smiley O	Charlie Rose (N) O CC			
WBDC (50)	Steve Harvey	The Parkers O	My Wife and Kids	Bernie Mac	7th Heaven "And Baby Makes Three"	Related "London Calling" (N) CC	Bernie Mac	My Wife and Kids	Sex and the City	Will & Grace O		

A&E	The Last Hour of Flight 11 (N) CC	Grounded on 9/11 CC	The Man Who Predicted 9/11 CC	"Flight 93" (2006, Docudrama) Jeffrey Nordling, Ty Olsson, Colin Glazer, CC		Rollergirls "The C Word" (N) CC
Animal	The Crocodile Hunter Diaries CC	The Most Extreme CC	Animal Cops Houston CC	Animal Cops Detroit CC	Animal Cops San Francisco CC	Animal Cops Houston CC
BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live	Movie Special (N)	★ ★ "Bebe's Kids" (1992) Voices of Faizon Love, Vanessa Bell Calloway.	The Parkers O	The Parkers O	In Living Color O
Bravo	Kathy Griffin: My Life on the D-List	The West Wing "The Birnam Wood"	The West Wing "Third-Day Story" O	The West Wing "Liftoff" O CC	Moving Image Salutes Ron Howard Honoring the director.	Outrageous
Comedy	★ "What's the Worst That Could Happen?" (2001) Martin Lawrence, CC	Daily Show	Colbert Report	Chappelle's Show	South Park CC	Chappelle's Show
Court	Forensic Files	Cops O CC	Cops O CC	Beach Patrol	Beach Patrol	Forensic Files
Discovery	Cash Cab (N)	Cash Cab CC	Roush Racing: Driver X (N)	Biker Build-Off	Monster Garage	American Chopper (N) CC
DISCH	Paramedics "Hoosier Companions"	Trauma: Life in the ER CC	Stigmata: Sacred Signs	Medical Incredible "Spray on Skin"	Mystery Diagnosis CC	Stigmata: Sacred Signs
Disney	Sister, Sister O	Phil of the Future	Zack & Cody	That's So Raven	★ ★ "Snow Dogs" (2002, Comedy) Cuba Gooding Jr., James Coburn, CC	Naturally Sadie
E!	(5:00) LRC: SAG Awards	E! News (N)	E! News	Worst Red Carpet Moments	Fashion Dos and Don'ts	Sister, Sister O
FX	King of the Hill O	King of the Hill O	That '70s Show	★ ★ "There's Something About Mary" (1998, Romance-Comedy) Cameron Diaz, Matt Dillon, Ben Stiller.	Dr. 90210 (N)	That's So Raven
HGTV	Renovation	Wknd Warriors	Curb Appeal	House Hunters	Cash in the Attic	Dream House
Family	7th Heaven "Life Is Too Beautiful" O	Smallville "Magnetic" O CC	Wildfire	Charlie helps Todd. (N) CC	Gilmore Girls "So... Good Talk" CC	Whose Line? CC
History	Secret Russian Aircraft of WWII	Modern Marvels: Gasoline CC	UFO Files: The Day After Roswell	Truth: America's Pyramids	Decoding the Past "Cover-Up?" (N)	UFO Files: Brazil's Roswell CC
Lifetime	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	★★★ "Lifebreath" (1997, Suspense) Luke Perry, Francie Swift, CC	"Patient 14" (2004) Costas Mandylor, Lucy Jenner, Premiere, CC		Will & Grace O
MTV	My Own (N) O	Room Raiders (N)	Direct Effect O	There & Back O	There & Back O	R. Wld Chal.
NICK	Avatar-Last Air	Avatar-Last Air	Fairly Oddparents	Jimmy Neutron	SpongeBob	Zoey 101 CC
SCIFI	Stargate SG-1 "Sight Unseen" CC	Surface "Episode 13" O CC	Surface "Episode 13" O CC	Stargate SG-1 O CC	Stargate SG-1 "Bloodlines" O CC	Battlestar Galactica "Black Market"
SPIKE	World's Wildest Police Videos CC	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation CC	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation O	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation O	UFC: Liddell vs. Couture 3	UFC Unleashed O
TBS	Seinfeld O CC	Seinfeld O CC	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	Friends O CC	Friends O CC
TLC	Martha (N) CC	Conjoined Twins: Erin and Jade	Trauma: Life in the ER CC	Trauma: Life in the ER CC	Untold Stories of the E.R. (N)	Dwarf Family: Meet the Foose
TNT	Charmed "Oh My Goddess" CC	Law & Order "Slaughter" O	Law & Order "Kid Pro Quo" O	Law & Order "Standoff" O	Law & Order "True Crime" O	Without a Trace "Gung-Ho" O CC
USA	(5:00) ★ "Half Past Dead" (2002)	"Submerged" (2005, Action) Steven Seagal, Christine Adams, William Hope.		WWE Monday Night Raw	The winner of the Royal Rumble is revealed. CC	(4:55) Law & Order: Criminal Intent O
VHI	Serial Daters O	Celebrity Showdown O	Celebrity Showdown 2 O	Totally Mad Celeb Beefs O	Fabulous Life Of... O	Celebrity Fit Club O

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SPORTS	ESPN	SportsCenter (Live) CC	College Basketball Louisville at Villanova. (Live) CC		Winter X-Games (Live) CC					SportsCenter (Live) CC	
	ESPN2	Mike and Mike	Around the Horn	Women's College Basketball Baylor at LSU. (Live) CC	College Basketball Texas Tech at Kansas. (Live) CC					Quite Frankly With Stephen A. Smith	
	CSN	Totally Football	SportsNite CC	Women's College Basketball Boston College at North Carolina State. (Live)	Beyond the Glory CC		SportsNite (Live) CC			Gary Williams	Best-Sports

NEWS	CNN	Lou Dobbs Tonight CC	The Situation Room	Paula Zahn Now CC	Larry King Live CC	Anderson Cooper 360 CC					
	FNC	Special Report (Live) CC	The Fox Report With Shepard Smith	The O'Reilly Factor (Live) CC	Hannity & Colmes (Live) CC	On the Record-Van Susteren	The O'Reilly Factor				
	MSNBC	The Abrams Report	Hardball CC	Countdown With Keith Olbermann	Rita Cosby Live & Direct	Scarborough Country	The Situation With Tucker Carlson				
MOVIES	AMC	(5:30) ★★★ "The Color of Money" (1986, Drama) Paul Newman, 'R' CC	★★★ "National Lampoon's Animal House" (1978) John Goodman, 'R'	★★ "The Great Outdoors" (1988) Dan Aykroyd, 'PG'							
	TCM	(:15) ★★★ "Babes in Arms" (1939, Musical) Mickey Rooney, 'NR' (DVS)	★★ "Petticoat Fever" (1936) Robert Montgomery, 'NR'	★★★ "Piccadilly Jim" (1936, Comedy) Robert Montgomery, 'NR'							
	HBO	★★ "Cheaper by the Dozen" (2003) Steve Martin, 'PG'	(:45) ★★★ "Spider-Man 2" (2004, Action) Tobey Maguire, Kirsten Dunst, 'PG-13' CC	★★ "Elektra" (2005) Jennifer Garner, 'O' 'PG-13' CC							
	MAX	(4:15) Sling Blade	★★ "Surviving Christmas" (2004) Ben Affleck, 'PG-13' CC	★★ "The Jacket" (2005, Science Fiction) Adrien Brody, 'O' 'R' CC	★★★ "Collateral" (2004, Suspense) Tom Cruise, Jamie Foxx, 'O' 'R' CC						
	SHOW	(5:15) ★★★ "Beyond Borders" (2003) Angelina Jolie, 'R'	★★ "Saved!" (2004) Jena Malone, iTV, 'O' 'PG-13' CC	The L Word (iTV) Moira disappears.	HUFF "Control" (iTV) O CC	Sleeper Cell (iTV) Financial problems.					
	TMC	So I Married	(:20) ★★ "No Looking Back" (1998) Lauren Holly, 'O' 'R'	★★★ "Prey for Rock and Roll" (2003, Drama) Gina Gershon, 'O' 'R' CC	★★ "The Perfect Score" (2004) Erika Christensen, CC	Manchurian Cn					
	STARZ!	(5:10) ★★★ "Good Will Hunting" (1997) Matt Damon, 'R'	(:20) ★★ "The Pacifier" (2005) Vin Diesel, 'O' 'PG' CC	★★ "Boogeyman" (2005) Barry Watson, 'O' 'PG-13' CC	(:35) ★★ "After the Sunset" (2004) Pierce Brosnan, CC						
	ENCORE	★★ "Road House" (1989, Drama) Patrick Swayze, Kelly Lynch, 'O' 'R' CC	★★ "Rounders" (1998, Drama) Matt Damon, Edward Norton, 'O' 'R' CC		(:05) ★★★ "Leaving Las Vegas" (1995, Drama) Nicolas Cage, 'O' 'R' CC						

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Detroit officials hope Super Bowl will show off city improvements

NFL players said it all season: We want to go to Detroit.

While the Motor City was destination No. 1 for pro football players, it's likely not among the top tourism destinations for most Americans.

But city officials and members of the Super Bowl host committee want out-of-towners to know that a new and improving Detroit awaits them.

The 40th edition of the Super Bowl hits Detroit's Ford Field on Sunday, and along with it will come tens of thousands of people, from players and fans to celebrities.

What will they find? Everything from a winter carnival and casinos to world-renowned works of art and history, including a tour of a Ford factory and a museum devoted to Motown.

Those who still think of Detroit as a blighted, dangerous industrial city in decline will be especially surprised by the new look of downtown.

Abandoned buildings are being converted into apartments and office space along Woodward Avenue, Detroit's main thoroughfare.

The skyscrapers of the Renaissance Center — the most recognizable feature of the city skyline — have been overhauled along the redeveloped waterfront of the Detroit River. The largest tower has been decorated with a 24,000-plus-

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PUNCH IN: A sculpture of Joe Louis' fist is part of Detroit's new-look downtown.

Mo'Town

square-foot vinyl wrap celebrating the Super Bowl. The WinterGarden, a five-story glass atrium with sweeping views of the river on the south side of the RenCen, has several restaurants and stores.

Software developer Compuware has moved downtown into a 15-story complex with a Hard Rock Cafe, Borders and a Ben & Jerry's.

On the south side of the Compuware building sits Campus

Martius Park. In summer, a park fountain shoots jets of water more than 100 feet in the air, while a skating rink is the main winter attraction. This week, a winter carnival called Motown Winter Blast will

be held there, with a 200-foot-long snow slide, sled dogs and ice skating. Heated tents will showcase musical entertainment and some of the city's best cuisine.

The park "has been an economic catalyst for the development of downtown Detroit, and we probably could say that many of the new buildings and the new things that are taking place in Detroit are there because of the fact that the park exists," said Edsel Ford II, chairman of the Detroit 300 Conservancy Board, a group involved in revitalizing the city's downtown.

Done with football hype? Another kind of game can be found at four area casinos. In all, the MGM Grand Detroit, MotorCity and Greektown casinos and Casino Windsor offer gamblers more than 10,000 slots and hundreds of tables.

Nighttime recreational opportunities will abound at nightclubs throughout the region. A-listers from the worlds of entertainment and athletics also will converge on Detroit to see and be seen at a multitude of parties.

"It is about the people. And that is what's going to define what their experience is," said Susan Sherer, executive director of Detroit's Super Bowl host committee.

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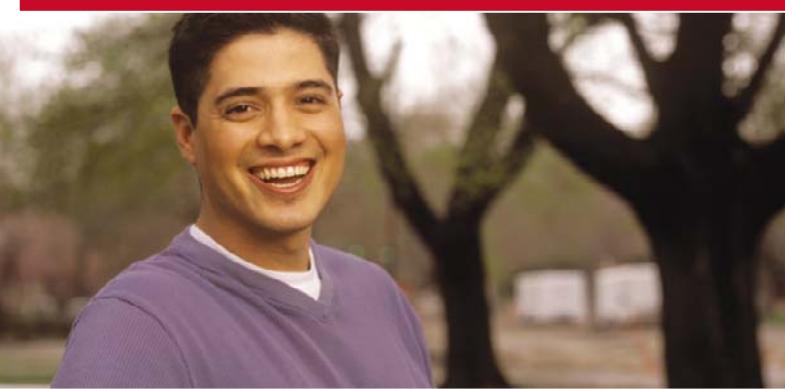
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The Police

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What do you hope people take away after viewing the film? Was there a specific goal you wanted to achieve, beyond giving a glimpse of the band's development and history?

I just want to share a little bit of the thrill of what it's like to ride a rocket ship. I found this film in a shoebox that I shot while I was on that rocket ship and thought you folks might like to see it.

Some say the band's break up was because Sting was a selfish glory hound; others say all of you drifted apart musically and there are other more far-fetched rumors. What is/was the real story?

Sting was not a selfish glory hound and we were still empathetic musically. The problem was very simple: Sting arranged his songs completely in his mind which didn't leave room for Andy and me. Both his position and ours were logical but incompatible. He put up with us meddling with his songs for a surprisingly long time.

How long did it take you to put the film together (that is, after you found it)? What did you think of the whole process of getting this far? And can you see yourself doing more in this medium?

It took, after I digitized the material, about a year and a half for me to learn the software and to cut the movie. Sundance was like a nuclear hit on my little toy project. It exploded it out into the world in a way that has blown my mind. Yes, I'll be doing more of this.

Will there be a soundtrack that goes along with the film, hopefully with a lot of live tracks?

I'm working on that. The soundtracks are strange lobotomies of Police music that were unblessed by my comrades before the movie. Andy likes the stuff now that he's seen it in the film. I'm still working on Sting.

Very impressed by your soundtrack work, but love your drumming too. Any plans for another Oysterhead album or other musical side projects?

Yes, I've rediscovered drumming. I love it. Oysterhead may be coming back around soon. Our plan was always to come down from the mountain together at 5-year intervals.

Did you travel a lot as a kid, or do you have memories of the D.C. area? Where did you actually live? What did you like/dislike most about it?

I was born in Alexandria (Va., not Egypt). I lived there for two months before traveling to Cairo, Egypt. I didn't get back to America till I was 18 after living in Lebanon and England. People are disappointed when they hear my American accent because they regard "The Police" as an English band but I've clung to my American-ness all the way.

→ Today on Live Online

1 P.M.: Maia Szalavitz, author of "Help at Any Cost: How the Troubled-Teen Industry Cons Parents and Hurts Kids" and a former addict, discusses her Sunday Outlook article about the "tough love" programs aimed at teen addicts.

Letters

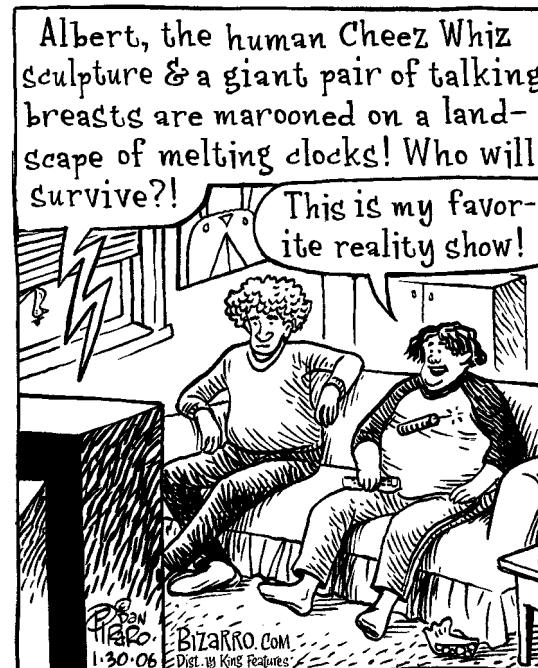
Name Not Well Concealed

IN THE ARTICLE headlined "Md. Boy Said to Like Guns" in Friday's Express, the story says that the boy "has not been identified because he

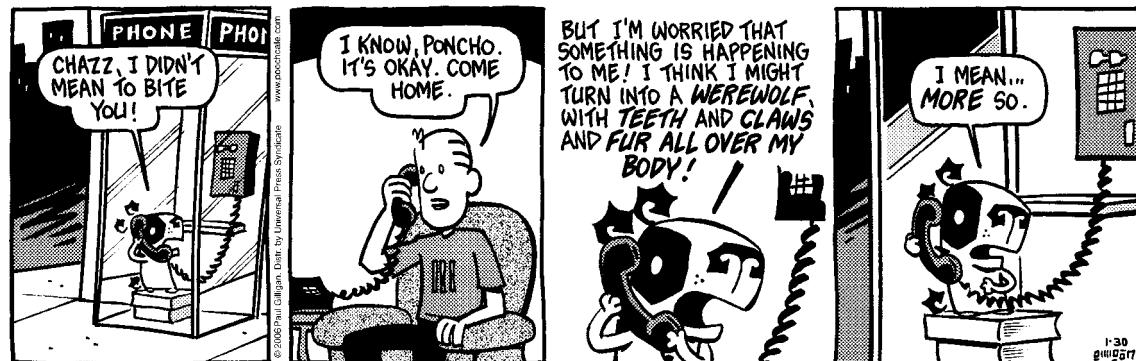
is a minor." Yet the father is named — as John L. Hall Sr. Not completely definitive, of course — Hall could have more than one son — but still doesn't exactly go a long way toward keeping the boy's name concealed, regardless.

— PARRISH S. KNIGHT
Silver Spring, Md.

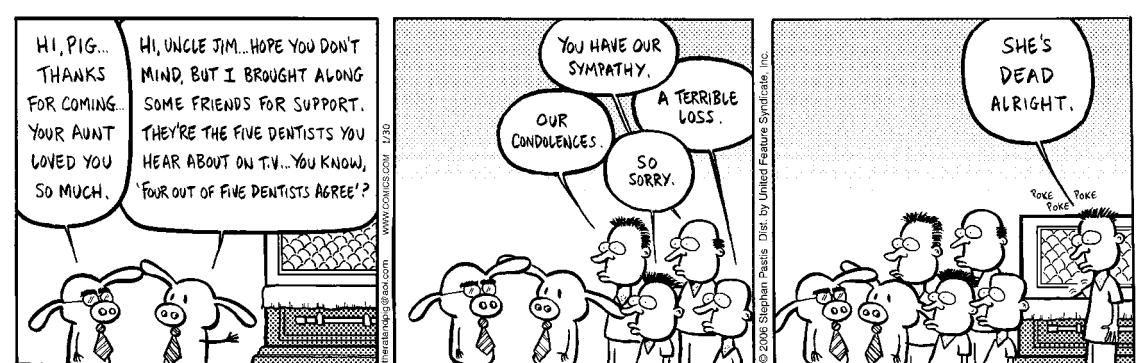
Bizarro | Dan Piraro



Pooch Cafe | Paul Gilligan



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Cornered | Mike Baldwin



"Any ID aside from dental records?"

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STATE OF THE UNION PREVIEW, PART I

All things considered ... it is remarkable how relatively unscathed 'our leader' has been by the plethora of scandals and general lack of policy successes ..."

POLITICALSKULLDUGGERY.BLOGSPOT.COM IS SURPRISED THAT DESPITE HIS LOW-APPROVAL POLL NUMBERS, PRESIDENT BUSH HASN'T BEEN MORE SERIOUSLY DAMAGED BY THE VARIOUS SCANDALS AND CONTROVERSY SURROUNDING HIS ADMINISTRATION.

THE Blog LOG

AMBUSHED

"This is what smells like a set up to me. ... [T]he insurgency rarely ever targets the lead vehicle."

TXMUDBUG.BLOGSPOT.COM, A BLOGGER WHO FOUGHT IN IRAQ, IS SUSPICIOUS OF THE IRAQI MILITARY CONVOY ABC NEWS ANCHOR BOB WOODRUFF WAS RIDING IN WHEN IT WAS HIT BY A ROADSIDE BOMB. WOODRUFF WAS SEVERELY WOUNDED.

POTENT POTABLE

"Just what was in the teacup? Whiskey, Jack or Absolut?"

PEREZHILTON.COM WONDERS IF LINDSAY LOHAN WAS DRINKING SOMETHING OTHER THAN TEA WHEN SHE FELL DOWN A STAIRCASE IN BRYAN ADAMS' LONDON MANSION CUTTING HER SHIN WITH A TEACUP SHARD.



STATE OF THE UNION PREVIEW, PART 2

↑ "Anyone who plans on watching the SOTU needs to be ready to play or it's going to be a terribly depressing evening ..."

BUCKTASTIC.LIVEJOURNAL.COM SAYS A DRINKING GAME IS NECESSARY TO ENDURE PRESIDENT BUSH'S UPCOMING STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS ON TUESDAY NIGHT.

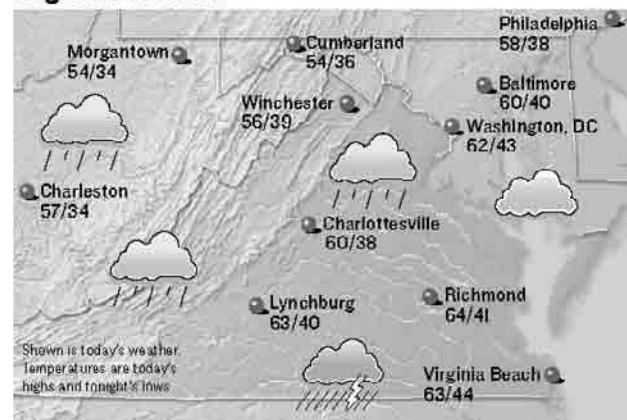


DO know where Jack Bauer is spending his day. The "24" character is all over the place, but you can keep track of where he's been using the "Jacktracker" at wayfaring.com/maps/show/4698. Fans may be impressed, but to the "24"-ignorant it just looks like Jack spends a lot of time around Los Angeles.

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today	Tonight	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Variably cloudy	Mostly cloudy, rain late	Morning rain, colder	Mostly sunny	Morning shower possible	Mostly cloudy, shower possible
62°	43°	46° / 32°	48° / 34°	51° / 38°	54° / 40°

Regional Weather



Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Sun.

Temperature

High	59°
Low	41°
Normal high	43°
Normal low	27°
Average humidity	77%

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m.	0.02"
Month to date	2.84"
Normal month to date	3.01"
Year to date	2.84"
Last year to date	3.00"
Normal year to date	3.01"

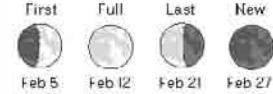
For up-to-the-minute weather see: washingtonpost.com/weather

Regional Forecast

D.C. Metro: Today, mostly cloudy, mild. High 62. Wind south-southwest 3-6 mph. Tonight, mostly cloudy, rain late. Low 43. Wind north 4-8 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	7:16 a.m.
Sunset tonight	5:27 p.m.
Moonrise today	8:17 a.m.
Moonset today	6:58 p.m.



Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) What begins with fireworks may not end in a bang at all—but with the proverbial whimper. Don't let the energy die out too soon.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You can especially enjoy any sign given to you that you are one-of-a-kind—and you may get more than your share before the day is out.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You may have to work with someone more closely than usual before you will get the results you are after. A few compromises may be necessary.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Don't lose track of your own financial standing. You cannot afford to increase spending indiscriminately.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) What you've been searching for may prove especially elusive—after you have made such progress over the past days and weeks.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Don't be too impersonal. A friendly approach can get you more in the long run than an overly serious, businesslike strategy.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Don't let your own inhibitions put a stranglehold on your desires. You can break through a few stubborn obstacles.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Your concern for your own financial security will be on the rise—and, perhaps, not without reason. Avoid unnecessary risks.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Contract negotiations and other financial concerns are highlighted. You may have to make a sacrifice now to reap rewards later.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Focus on the finer points of behavior and you'll impress all those who have it in their power to do you an important favor or two.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Talk is cheap—but it can serve you well as you attempt to get to the bottom of a particularly stubborn problem. Communication is key.

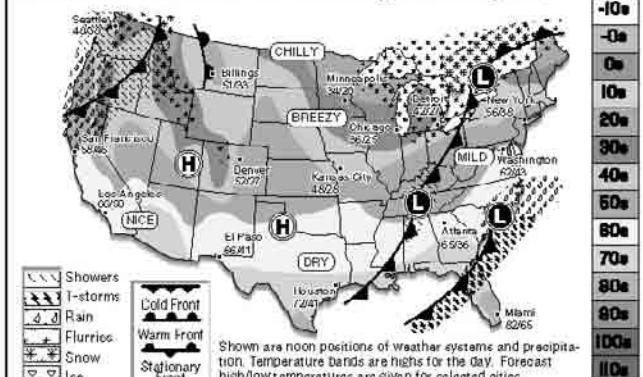
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) This is a good day to refine your own appearance, surroundings and lifestyle. Make changes permanently if you are so inclined.

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National Weather for Monday, January 30



National Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Tues. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Tues. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	65/36/sh	55/36/s	Amsterdam	42/32/pc	46/35/pc
Boston	46/36/sh	38/28/sn	Athens	52/44/pc	52/50/r
Chicago	36/25/sf	38/30/pc	Berlin	32/18/pc	43/35/pc
Dallas	68/38/s	68/51/s	Buenos Aires	78/67/t	81/66/t
Denver	52/27/pc	49/21/pc	Calgary	40/29/pc	39/18/c
Honolulu	83/66/s	82/66/s	Dublin	46/32/pc	46/32/pc
Los Angeles	66/50/p	66/50/p	Geneva	40/25/pc	48/30/pc
Miami	82/65/sh	77/60/pc	Moscow	22/10/sn	15/-1/sn
New York City	56/38/c	42/32/r	Rome	58/48/sh	59/38/c
Orlando	75/50/sh	68/40/s	Sydney	80/66/pc	75/68/r
Seattle	48/38/sh	46/41/r	Tokyo	50/34/pc	45/34/c

s—sunny, pc—partly cloudy, c—cloudy, sh—showers, t—thundershower, r—rain, sf—snow flurries, sn—snow, i—ice

Text Appeal

Sports

College coaches use cell messages to get in touch with recruits

When John Peterson wants to make sure a prized recruit is thinking about playing football for Ohio State, he reaches for his phone — and types.

Buoyed by an NCAA rule change, more football and basketball coaches are text messaging recruits. Coaches still send letters and make phone calls, but, some say, the short messages transmitted from a cell phone or handheld device are more effective than traditional recruiting tools in communicating with prized prospects.

"It's an instant letter or note to a recruit," said Peterson, the recruiting coordinator for the Buckeyes. "As prevalent as cell phones and text messages are, it's a tool that is definitely being used across the

country."

An NCAA subcommittee on recruiting picked up on the trend, voting in 2004 to change the designation of text messages to general correspondence. The rules change treats text messages like letters instead of phone calls — which are limited based on the recruit's age, sport and time of year.

During approved recruiting periods, the NCAA allows coaches as much general correspondence as they want.

"The rationale was in order to take advantage of technology and provide greater flexibility for institutions to contact prospective student athletes," said Crissy Schluemp, an NCAA spokeswoman. "On the flip side of things, for the prospects' well-being, they can choose to respond or not."

Phone calls remain more regulated because prospects have little choice about responding, she said.

With text messaging, a wireless variation of e-mail in which a person's cell number serves as the address for sending and receiving



Ohio State football coaches are using text messaging to recruit high school players, such as Garfield High player Chris Wells.

short messages, recipients can choose to respond at a more convenient time — or ignore the message.

Text messaging, though more widespread abroad, is growing in the United States.

More than 32 billion text messages were sent in the United States during the first half of 2005, up from 24.7 billion during the last half of 2004, said Joe Farren, a spokesman for CTIA-The Wireless Association, a cell phone trade group. In June alone, 7.3 billion messages were sent, an increase

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CRISSEY SCHLUEMP
NCAA SPOKESWOMAN

coaches, who haven't grown up with the technology like the teenagers they're recruiting. Some have adapted quickly, while others are still learning.

"I'm an older guy and obviously a little technologically challenged like most of us at this age," said Chuck Heater, the defensive backs coach and recruiting coordinator at Florida. "But obviously it's not so far out there that you can't figure it out. Since we've got it, it's become a great means of communication." JAY COHEN (AP)



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Styles

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Luxe, Lavish & Lovely

CHRISTIAN LACROIX went back to his roots in the Provence city of Arles and sent out a breathtaking spring-summer couture collection Tuesday that drew applause throughout and a standing ovation after the show.

His signature toreador jacket was the subject for study, and it showed up in many new and elegant forms.

The bustle dresses that appeared in Lacroix's first couture show two decades ago were back. This time around they were cut from luxurious silks, brocades and mouseline dotted with pale sequins. Ball gowns had fitted bodices with soft draping over the front and great big poufs of soft chiffon. Though voluminous, these dresses were delicate and soft as clouds. These are dresses that make a woman dream.

In his show, staged at the newly renovated Grand Palais, Karl Lagerfeld took

Fashion Week goes glam in the City of Light



Lacroix, left, and Givenchy, right, brought color to the forefront in their designs.



PATRICK GARDIN/AP

the Chanel woman back to a time when life was simple and clothes were sweet. Borrowing heavily from the early 1960s, daywear was crisp and clean, stripped of superfluous details. Lagerfeld even abandoned the house's signature tweeds and checks for this collection. Instead, he sent out snappy little suits with boxy jackets that grazed the hips, worn over simple flared miniskirts and a Chanel version of the original Courreges "go-go" boot.

Riccardo Tisci, creative director for Givenchy, offered a very interesting evening Tuesday and a beautiful collection. The show was presented as an installation scattered throughout Paris' Bourdelle Museum. In the first room, the visitor encountered

black and white garments that exuded the Givenchy signature but with Tisci's own twist. A classic fitted jacket had bell sleeves that released a bevy of white lace from the blouse underneath. A group of cream white garments featured classic slim silhouettes. The strong point of the collection, however, was the eveningwear. A flesh-toned gown in tulle had bits of lace falling away like ivy; another was spiked with ostrich feathers.

The final group was comprised of sensual white charmeuse gowns, each draped like a different type of lily, the way Balenciaga might have done. It was a perfect ending to a perfect haute couture day.

CAROL MONGO (AP)

Beauty



Gain Without Pain

Here at product-testing headquarters, we shudder whenever a lip-plumper comes along, because most of them rely on flesh-searing chemicals. **LORAC'S LOTSA LIP** lipstick and gloss (\$19 each, Sephora) is different—instead of irritating the skin for instant fattening, it supposedly stimulates collagen production. The catch? You have to use it for 29 days to see results. Waiting aside, both the stick and the gloss are super-moisturizing, and the latter gives good shine with minimal stickiness. Add in the gloss' handy brush applicator, and these are products we can get lippy with.

KRISTEN PAGE-KIRBY (EXPRESS)

Beauty

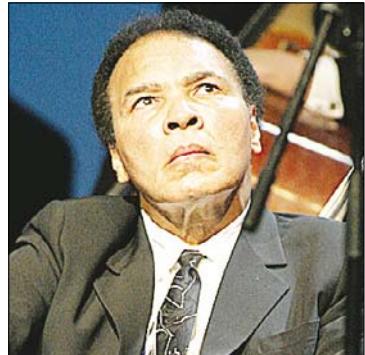


Healthy Choice

Wigs can help cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy feel less self-conscious, and now **LINDI SKIN AND ONCOCOSMETICS** hopes to do the same for those worried about dry and sensitive skin brought on by medical care. Developed in conjunction with doctors and cancer survivors to be free of preservatives and overwhelming scents (which can cause nausea), the line includes 14 items, such as face tint (\$28), eye hydrator (\$25) and skin wash (\$15). Anyone with delicate skin can appreciate their soothing qualities. Buy them at lindiskin.net. VICKY HALLETT (EXPRESS)

Look out

People



Admire him, but stand back a bit, too.

TRIBUTES

Forum Honors Ali For Aid in Promoting Understanding

MUHAMMAD ALI was honored at the World Economic Forum for his efforts to promote dialogue and understanding between the Muslim and Western worlds. Accompanied by his wife, Yolanda, Ali received the first-ever prize from the Council of 100 Leaders, a group formed at the forum's annual meeting two years ago to promote understanding between the West and Muslims. (AP)

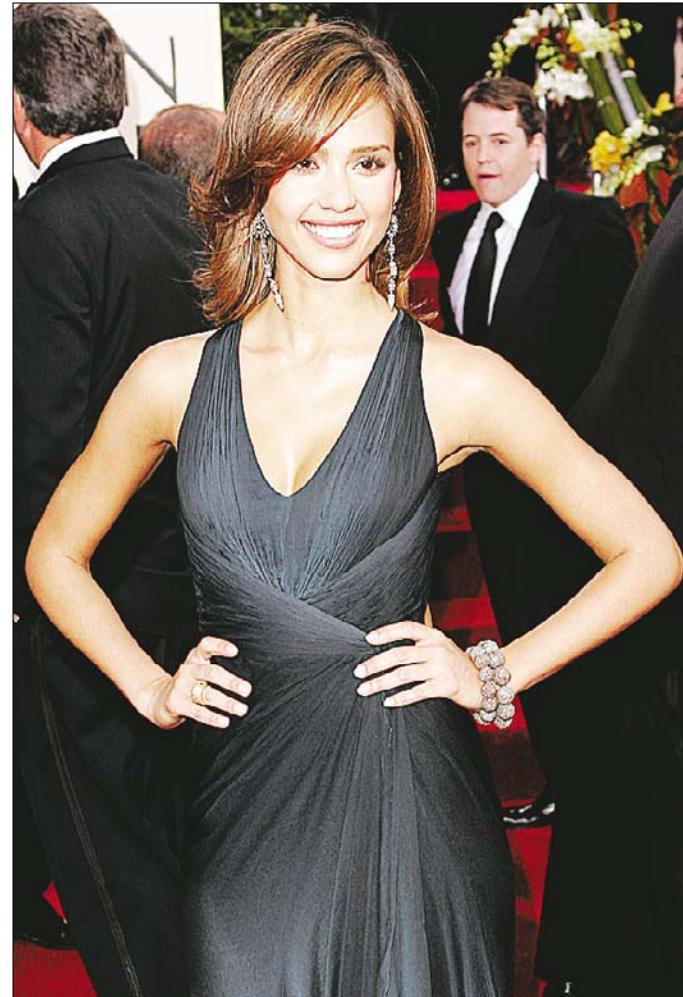
LAWSUITS

As If Models Inc. Wasn't Punishment Enough

A nurse who was sued by TV producer **AARON SPELLING** last year for allegedly violating a confidential



ity agreement has filed a lawsuit claiming he sexually harassed her. Charlene Richards claims Spelling, 82, made sexual advances during her employment and engaged in other inappropriate behavior. She's seeking at least \$25,000. (AP)



OGLING

Visible Woman

More men want **JESSICA ALBA** for their girlfriend than any other woman, according to AskMen.com's top 99 list for 2006. The 24-year-old actress, who recently starred as the Invisible Woman in the movie "Fantastic Four," tops the Web site's list ranking female celebrities on their "long-term relationship material." Alba is followed by "Alfie" star Sienna Miller and the ubiquitous Angelina Jolie. Some 2.5 million readers are said to have participated in the poll of celebs to take home to mom. The list will be posted Tuesday. (AP)


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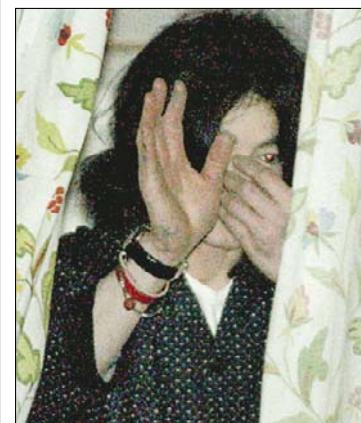
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author James Frey on her show Thursday, her motive wasn't only about bringing the truth to light, it was about protecting that brand. "She did it textbook correct in terms of how to handle crisis PR," said marketing strategist Laura Ries, president of Ries & Ries in Atlanta. (AP)



Michael was seen Sunday covering his nose. Why? Maybe it's the curtains.

NON-STORIES

Weird Guy's Weird Weirdness Is Still Weird

MICHAEL JACKSON offered a brief glimpse of himself to fans Sunday during a visit to a friend in the northern German city of Hamburg. Police have confirmed that Jackson has been in Hamburg since Thursday. He is staying with the family of Wolfgang Schleiter, a music manager. More than 100 fans gathered in freezing temperatures outside the house in the city's Niendorf district. On Sunday, the 47-year-old star briefly waved to them. (AP)

Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks in the United States. Proceeds from the concert will go toward rebuilding schools damaged by the quake.



Sponsors said they have sold 22,000 tickets at prices ranging from \$58 to \$83. (AP)

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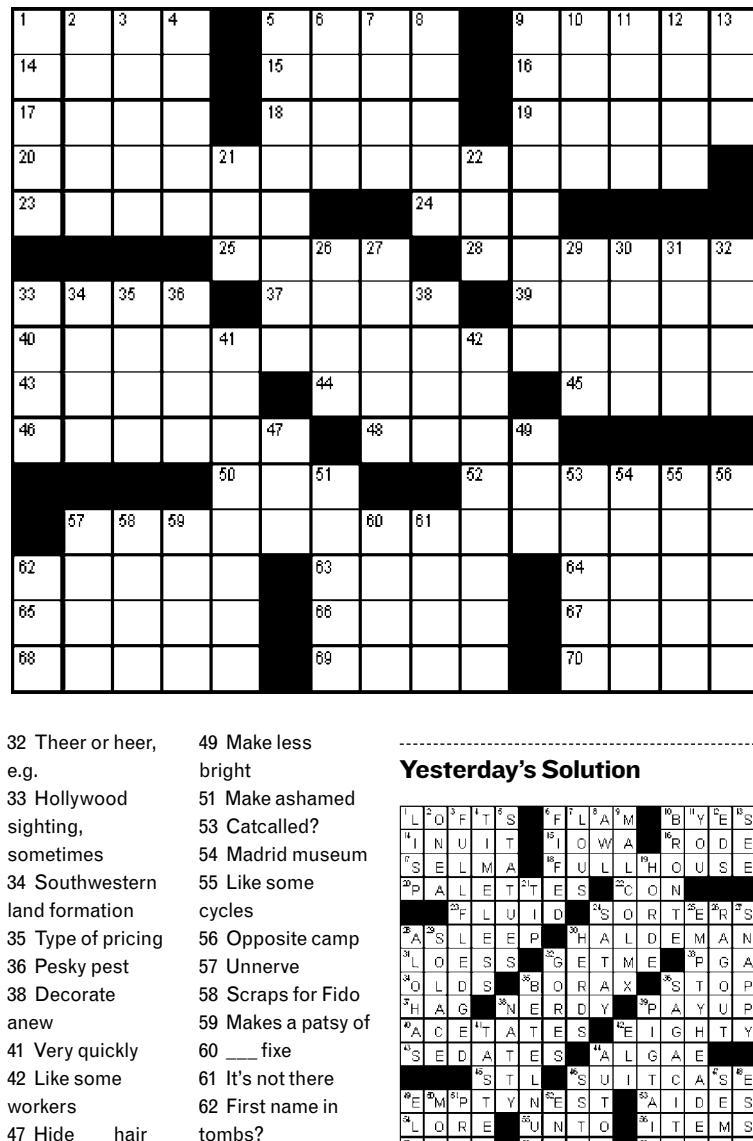
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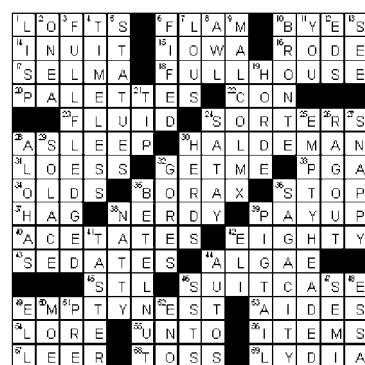
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Yesterday's Solution



Today in History

1649 England's King Charles I was beheaded.

1948 Indian political and spiritual leader Mahatma Gandhi was murdered by a Hindu extremist.

1962 Two members of "The Flying Wallendas" high-wire act were killed when their seven-person pyramid collapsed during a performance in Detroit.

1968 During the Vietnam War, the Tet Offensive began as Communist forces launched surprise attacks against South Vietnamese provincial capitals.

1972 Thirteen Roman Catholic civil rights marchers were shot to death by British soldiers in Northern Ireland on what became known as "Bloody Sunday."

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Degree of Difficulty: EASY

Fill in the boxes so that each row, column and 3-by-3 square includes the digits 1 through 9. For solution, tips and computer program, see www.sudoku.com

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